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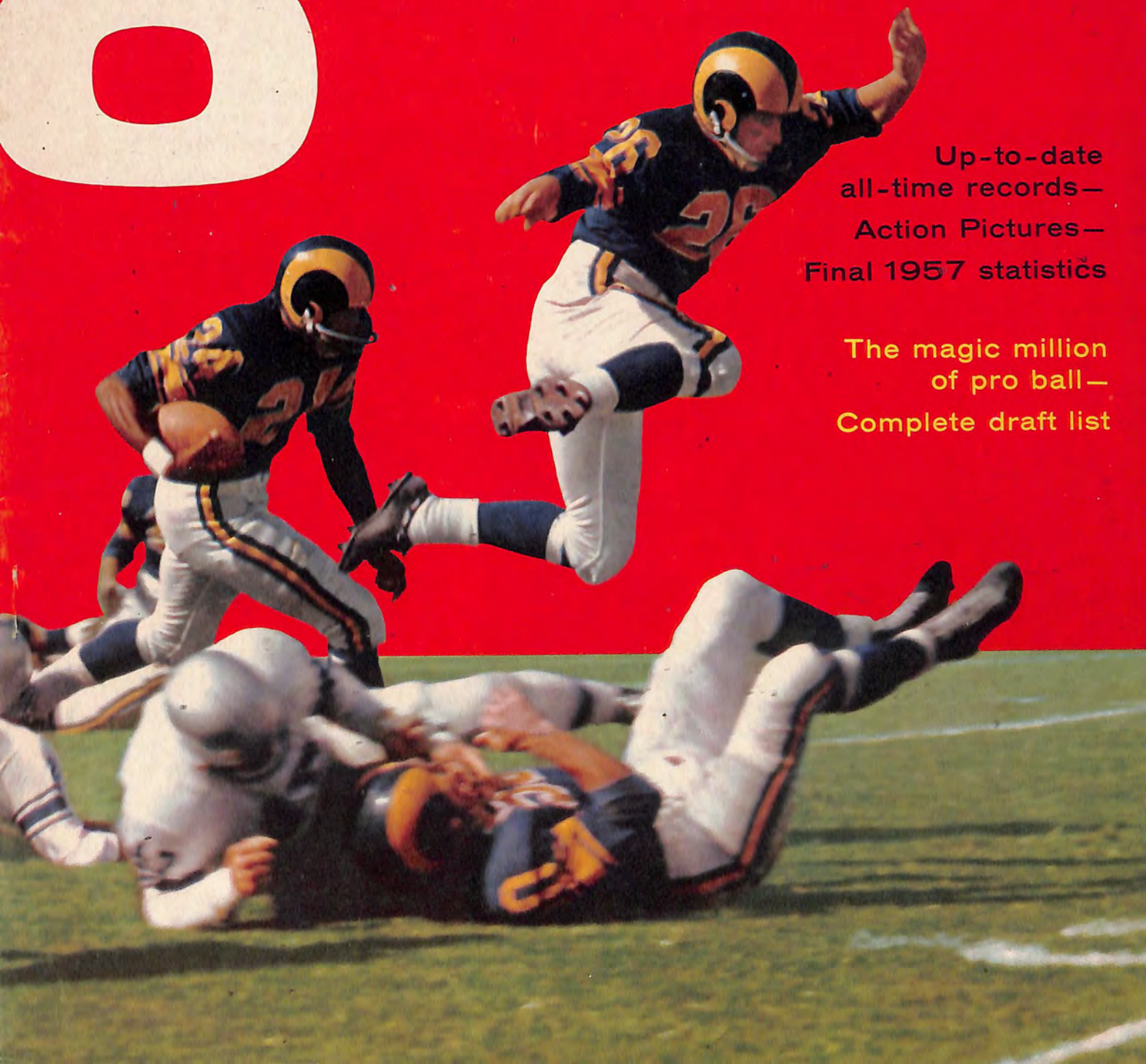

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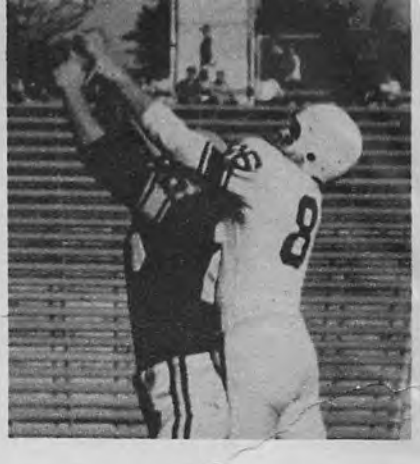

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Ram halfback Jon Arnett leads the way for teammate Tom Wilson in 1957 game with the Detroit Lions. Color photo by Bob D'Olivo, chief photographer for Pro Football 1958.

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BELL RINGS THE N. F. L.

ONCE AGAIN it is a pleasure and a privilege to be on the first team in the publishing field in producing a book on professional football. It is dedicated to those who have helped make it an oustanding sport — the fans.

We believe there is only one way of printing the information the legions of followers desire, And that is to have the newspaper men who cover the teams provide the facts, figures, forecasts and action-packed pictures.

This they have accomplished, as you will note as you thumb through the following pages crammed with behind-the-scenes stories, records, statistics, pictures and the names which make football news.

We would also like to take the opportunity in this space to thank another invaluable source of information, namely the headquarters of the National Football League. It's two principals are Commissioner Bert Bell and Joseph T. Labrum, assistant to the commissioner.

Bell is Mr. Pro Football. He was captain of the University of Pennsylvania eleven which played in the Rose Bowl. He returned to his alma mater as an assistant coach. He went into pro ball by purchasing the Philadelphia club at auction.

It was Bell who inaugurated the player selection system and reserve clause, the very things that equalize the teams and provide such close competition that it is difficult to predict a winner between a celler-dweller and a top team.

Bell became commissioner in 1946, and has served so well he was given a new, 12-year contract in 1954. This was proof enough that it is Bell who rings the NFL.

Working quietly and efficiently in the background is Labrum, who is charged with a multitude of duties. They include maintaining the records up to date and keeping the statistics. The results of these efforts are contained in this book.

So it is that the league officials, the sportswriters, the press photographers, public relations men and our own staff teamed up to produce this their annual Pro Football Book.

The Editors

Joseph T. Labrum

Bert Bell

NFL experts tab LIONS and BROWNS

AT BEST, football is an unpredictable sport. A glance at the forecasts of those who follow football the closest, those who handicapped the teams for Pro Football last year, will bear this out.

For instance, in this very book a year ago the Chicago Bears were calculated to finish first. They wound up a dismal fifth. Yet, a few points, judicially scattered, might have put the once mighty Monsters of the Midway on top.

A similar situation turned out in the Eastern Conference. Our board of observers figured as how there was no team like the New York Giants, ranking it 10 points better than Cleveland.

What happened? Cleveland won its conference title, then blew the world crown to the surprising Detroit club in the playoff. So this time the writers who cover these teams, and they should know, have Detroit and Cleveland favored.

It is tough to pick against a winner, and our experts didn't do it. However, this year they are rather amazingly consistent on one point. Eleven of the twelve forecasters relegated Green Bay to the basement. The only one to give the Packers a better rating was Oliver Kuechle, who happens to cover Green Bay. Opposite page shows how the teams were picked by our experts. The chart below shows the results on a basis of six points for first place, five for second, four for third, etc. ■

EASTERN CONFERENCE

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	TOTAL POINTS
CLEVELAND	6	6					66
NEW YORK	4	5	1	2			59
WASHINGTON	2		4	3	1	2	41
PITTSBURGH			5	4	3		38
CHI-CARDS		1	2	1	3	5	27
PHILADELPHIA				2	5	5	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	TOTAL POINTS
DETROIT	5	6					62
CHI-BEARS	5	2	3	1	1		57
BALTIMORE	2	1	5	2	1	1	48
SAN FRANCISCO		3	3	3	3		42
LOS ANGELES			1	5	6		31
GREEN BAY				1			14

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL 1957 STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

TEAM	W	L	T	Pct.
CLEVELAND	9	2	1	.818
NEW YORK	7	5	0	.583
PITTSBURGH	6	6	0	.500
WASHINGTON	5	6	1	.455
PHILADELPHIA	4	8	0	.333
CHI-CARDS	3	9	0	.250

WESTERN CONFERENCE

TEAM	W	L	T	Pct.
DETROIT	8	4	0	.677*
SAN FRANCISCO	8	4	0	.677*
BALTIMORE	7	5	0	.583
LOS ANGELES	6	6	0	.500
CHI-BEARS	5	7	0	.417
GREEN BAY	3	9	0	.250

Bus Ham
(Washington Post

Eastern Conference	Western Conference
Washington	Chi-Bears
Cleveland	San Francisco
Pittsburgh	Baltimore
New York	Los Angeles
Chi-Cards	Detroit
Philadelphia	Green Bay

Leo Fischer
(Chicago American)

Eastern Conference	Western Conference
Cleveland	Detroit
Chi-Cards	Chi-Bears
Pittsburgh	Baltimore
New York	Los Angeles
Philadelphia	San Francisco
Washington	Green Bay

Cooper Rollow
(Chicago Tribune)

Eastern Conference	Western Conference
New York	Chi-Bears
Cleveland	Detroit
Chi-Cards	Baltimore
Pittsburgh	San Francisco
Washington	Los Angeles
Philadelphia	Green Bay

Bob Latshaw
(Detroit Free Press)

Eastern Conference	Western Conference
Cleveland	Chi-Bears
New York	Detroit
Pittsburgh	Baltimore
Philadelphia	San Francisco
Chi-Cards	Los Angeles
Washington	Green Bay

Paul Zimmerman
(Los Angeles Times)

Eastern Conference	Western Conference
New York	Detroit
Cleveland	Baltimore
Pittsburgh	San Francisco
Washington	Los Angeles
Chi-Cards	Chi-Bears
Philadelphia	Green Bay

Davis J. Walsh
(Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph)

Eastern Conference	Western Conference
Cleveland	Chi-Bears
New York	Detroit
Pittsburgh	San Francisco
Washington	Baltimore
Eagles	Los Angeles
Chi-Cards	Green Bay

Jack McDONALD
(San Francisco Call Bulletin)

Eastern Conference	Western Conference
Cleveland	Detroit
New York	San Francisco
Washington	Chi-Bears
Pittsburgh	Los Angeles
Philadelphia	Baltimore
Chi-Cards	Green Bay

WALTER TAYLOR
(Baltimore Sun)

Eastern Conference	Western Conference
New York	Detroit
Cleveland	San Francisco
Washington	Chi-Bears
Pittsburgh	Baltimore
Philadelphia	Los Angeles
Chi-Cards	Green Bay

Bob August
(Cleveland Press)

Eastern Conference	Western Conference
Cleveland	Baltimore
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(Hugh Brown)
(Philadelphia Bulletin)

Eastern Conference	Western Conference
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New York	San Francisco
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Pittsburgh	Los Angeles
Chi-Cards	Green Bay

Til Ferdenzi
(New York Journal American

Eastern Conference	Western Conference
New York	Detroit
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Pittsburgh	Los Angeles
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Oliver Kuechle
(Milwaukee Journal)

Eastern Conference	Western Conference
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Chi-Cards	Los Angeles
Washington	Green Bay
Pittsburgh	San Francisco
Philadelphia	Baltimore

Bear Defensive Back J. C. Caroline catches up with Dave Middleton, one of the Lions' speediest receivers.

WESTERN DIVISION

DETROIT LIONS

Detroiters betting on Wilson to come through again

By Bob Latshaw
Detroit Free Press

George W. Wilson will start the 1958 National Football League season in the unenviable position of not being able to improve his record as a head coach. When the genial Wilson takes his world championship Detroit Lions to plush Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., he will be carrying a record of winning the Western Division title and the NFL championship in his first season as boss of the club.

He will also be fully cognizant of the fate of previous Western Division titleholders in recent years — including the horrendous skid taken by the Lions after winning in 1954.

In case you don't remember, the Lions wallowed in the basement, dead last in 1955. The Los Angeles Rams, who ran off with the 1955 crown in the Western Division, suffered the same humiliation in 1956 — tumbling to sixth place.

Even the great Chicago Bears, the best in the west in 1956 couldn't get into the first three in 1957.

How does a coach feel about a situation such as this?

"For one thing," Wilson declares, "you can't afford to stand still in this league. You have to have new blood or one day you wake up and the team has suddenly grown old. Then it takes years to build a contender.

"I'm certain that we will have another good football team. There is no reason why we shouldn't be a contender. But I wouldn't be foolish enough to predict a championship in a league that gets tougher each year."

Just to prove he wasn't fooling, Wilson traded away two veterans, End Dorne Dibble and defensive tackle Ray Krouse to the New York Giants and Green Bay Packers, respectively.

Wilson, a veteran of 21 years in the pro league as a player and coach, is a warm, friendly fellow. But he's the first one to admit that as a coach there can be no such thing as sentiment in pro football.

"I know that I'll be a head coach only as long as I win," Wilson said. "You

Bobby Layne hands off to John Henry Johnson as Harley Sewell comes up to make a block. Number 80 is Reichow, at halfback.

Gene Gedman is primarily a runner, but he can snag a pass too, just to keep the defenses honest. This was against the Browns.

can't have any feeling about trading, selling or cutting players who you feel have out-lived their usefulness to the club."

Wearing the championship crown in the National Football League is a very precarious occupation. But the 1958 version of the Detroit Lions should be well equipped to try and keep that elusive bauble. Despite crippling injuries the Lions scratched and scrambled to the Western Division title in a dramatic comeback in last season's topsy-turvy campaign.

It must be admitted that the Lions were lucky last year — but any team that wins in the NFL has to have luck, or the breaks if you prefer. But there seems little chance that the wave of injuries that reduced the Lions' effectiveness nearly 30 percent will strike again in 1958.

The evaluation of any team must start with the strength of its quarterback corps. In this department Detroit has probably the best one-two punch in pro football in Tobin Rote and Bobby Layne.

Not even in a town that can thank him for three divisional championships in three years, from 1952 through 1954, could you find many fans who would care to choose Layne over Rote.

Wilson, who inherited the team two days before the start of the 1957 preseason schedule was reluctant to name one as his No. 1 quarterback. In the 11th game of the rugged 12-game season Layne suffered a broken ankle that sidelined him for the rest of the three-game march to the title.

Rote demonstrated that he was a tremendous competitor during the pres-

Lion Halfback Howard Cassady breaks free and scores unopposed against 49ers at Detroit, Nov. 17, 1957. Lions won 31-10.

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sure packed games against the Chicago Bears, the San Francisco 49ers and the Cleveland Browns.

Should Layne's injury hamper his play in the 1958 season, Wilson has a third quarterback, probably a year away from being ready to take on full time duty, in Jerry Reichow. The former Iowa star was used as a pass catcher last year, but will be groomed from the start of preseason play as a quarterback. Reichow, a rugged competitor, too, is Wilson's insurance in the most vital department on the club.

Probably as integral a part of winning the championship as the quarterbacks, was the sterling defensive unit of the Lions. Topped by All League linebacker, Joe Schmidt, this unit is made up of a mixture of veterans and rookies who make a practice of playing best when the chips are down. While they are all veterans, the Lions' defensive unit is comparatively young. Only Bob Miller, a veteran of six campaigns, can be termed an old timer among the linemen.

Gil Mains, Jerry Perry, Bob Long, Gene Cronin and Darris McCord are the fellows who handle the front line duties. All have been in the pro business for three years except Cronin who has two full campaigns under his belt.

Schmidt has played five years and Roger Zatkoff, obtained last year in a trade with the Cleveland Browns, is the other linebacker with an identical service record in the NFL.

Two of the Lions' brilliant defensive backs are getting along in the battle against time. Jack Christiansen has played seven years and Jim David has six years' seniority. But the Lions have come up with a pair of defensive backs in Terry Barr, a freshman last year, and Gerry Lowe to take up the slack.

If the Lions have any glaring weakness it is in the offensive end spots. The pass catching chores will be handled by Dave Middleton, Jim Doran and Steve Junker, at the ends, and Howard Hop-

Forty niner Billy Wilson scores touchdown against mass Lion defense put up by Gary Lowe, Yale Lary and Joe Schmidt.

along Cassady as the No. 1 flanker back.

Junker, a rookie last year, developed into a dangerous receiver in the latter stages of the campaign. He is potentially the Lions' most dangerous flanker. Both Doran and Middleton have been hampered by injuries in previous seasons. Doran was the team's leading receiver with 33 catches and five touchdowns during the regular season.

With Gene Gedman and John Henry Johnson as the nucleous of the running attack, Wilson has a good start. Johnson averaged 4.8 yards per try last year as he picked up 621 yards on the ground. Gedman had a 4.2 average although he was hampered by injuries.

In this department Wilson hopes to get some help from one or more of a trio of draft choices—or a possible trade.

No. 1 hope for a breakaway runner is Dan Lewis, a six-one, 200-pound halfback from Wisconsin. A 9.9 sprinter on the Badger track team he was the second highest ground gainer in the school's history. Lewis picked up 1460 yards for a 5.8 average at Wisconsin. He's also a fine receiver on passes, but his speed makes him dangerous on any ball carrying attempt.

Jim Loftin, a six-three, 215-pound fullback from Alabama is a power runner built along the lines Wilson desires in his offensive backs. He performed well in two post-season games after playing with a mediocre team.

The third rookie possibility is Ralph Pfeifer from Kansas State. He's also over six feet and 200 pounds. Of course, any one of a number of so called "sleepers" could surprise the coaches pleasantly when training camp opens.

The guts of the offensive machine—the line—should be improved over that of 1957. Big reason for the optimism is the signing of big Bill Glass, the former Baylor University All American. Glass was the Lions' No. 1 draft choice in 1957, but he chose to play with Regina in the Canadian pro league instead of with Detroit. After months of negotiations, general manager Nick Kerbawy worked out a deal with Regina and signed the six-three, 230 pound lineman.

Glass, an excellent blocking lineman, is expected to make it at right tackle. That would permit Wilson to move Charley Ane, one of the best tackles in the league last year, back to center.

"Ane is one of the best centers I've seen," Wilson says, "and he'll give us a lift in the middle of the line."

To go along with these two, the Lions have as versatile a group of interior lineman as a coach could ask for. Lou Creekmur, an all league tackle for five years, Harley Sewell, John Gordy and Ken Russell will all be available to play either guard or tackle spots.

John Henry Johnson, Detroit's number one runner, in action.

In addition the Lions have another veteran in Stan Campbell to work at guard.

Except for the search for running backs, the coaches can be highly selective in picking the best of the rookie crop.

Two most likely to make it are Alex Karras, the all American tackle from Iowa, and Wayne Walker, a center and linebacker from Idaho.

Karras, a six-two, 240-pounder, will be groomed to take over one of the tackle spots on defense. The coaches figure he will take up the slack created by the trade of Ray Krouse to the Green Bay Packers. Karras was one of the outstanding linemen in the Big Ten for two years, but will have a struggle on his hands to break into the veteran, yet young defensive line combinations.

Walker is a versatile young man. He played both offensive center and linebacker, with particular emphasis on his defensive ability. In addition to playing both ways, Walker is an excellent kickoff man.

With Zatkoff, Schmidt and Long all returning as linebackers, Walker will be a valuable addition if he can make the grade. Also fighting for a job in this spot is Sonny Gandee, who sat out last season after suffering a broken leg in an exhibition game. Surgery has repaired that damage and he is expected to make a strong bid for a berth on the '58 team.

While it has always been the custom to blame the head coach for a team's losing, Wilson takes little of the credit for Detroit's winning season in his first year as a head man.

"You just can't give enough credit to the staff," Wilson says sincerely. "The success of the Lions came through the finest co-operation of every member of the staff and the squad.

"I feel that we have had the finest staff of coaches in pro football. Their temperament, theories, willingness to work and an ability to get along with each other makes for a harmonious relationship."

The Lions' staff is made up of all-pro material. Aldo Forte, who works primarily with the interior linemen, is a former Chicago Bear, as is Wilson. Buster Ramsey, whose specialty is defense, is a former Chicago Cardinal, as is backfield coach Red Cochran and End Coach Bob Dove. All were out-standing performers in the NFL.

While these coaches have certain specific duties, there is no such thing as a one-man department.

"All of the coaches have a word in the decisions that are made," Wilson declares. "When we have a problem all five coaches sit down and talk about it. We feel that five heads are better than one when an important decision must be made."

Ramsey, for example, is credited with putting into operation one of the Lion's

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best pass patterns. He was checking the opponents' defense when he came up with the idea. After discussion it was added to the Lions' repertoire.

Forte, an offensive specialist most of the time, has come to the defensive platoon's aid on a number of occasions.

"I like to think of football as you would of any business," Wilson added. "I'm a sales manager and the other coaches are the salesmen. If they don't do their job, I'm dead.

"Naturally there has to be one man to make the final decision."

In his second year as a head coach, Wilson has several ideas on how to make the business of teaching pro football to the players a little more fool-proof. Chief of the projects will be to break down the squad into small units for "class room" and group work. There has always been a division of the squad into defensive and offensive units for work during the week, but Wilson plans to go even further.

"We have found that offensive linemen, because of the multiple defenses now being used, are making more mistakes than ever," Wilson says. "We plan on having them work with the coaches in small groups to go over assignments, mistakes and the method in which we can correct the errors.

Offensive backs and ends, defensive backs and linebackers and defensive linemen will all have their own "school room" work. Actually the entire squad will spend little time working together as a unit. The movie phase of the Lions' work has already been cut in half by the use of two films. The defensive team sees only their own portion of a game during the group work.

"This cuts the time in half," Wilson said, "and leaves us with more time to make the constant adjustments necessary in modern football."

The offensive squad seldom sees the defensive side of a game, either. The only time the entire film is used is when the squad has movie day, usually on Tuesday.

The business-man approach, plus a solid nucleus of proven football players is Wilson's hope to at least equal last year's performance. Those who saw the Lions come from a 3-3 record at the halfway mark of last year's campaign wouldn't like to bet against Detroit.

Fans, who set an all time attendance record for the Lions last year, are betting the club comes through again, too. More than 39,000 of them bought season tickets for the 1957 season.

At last reports, none of them were giving up the ducats despite the recession.■

Ballhawking by the Lions' defensive platoon. Number 56 is Joe Schmidt. Below right: Defensive Coach Buster Ramsay gives instructions to Gene Cronin, outstanding youngster of Lion defense.

1957 REGULAR SEASON RESULTS

Detroit 14, Baltimore 34
Detroit 24, Green Bay 14
Detroit 10, Los Angeles 7
Detroit 31, Baltimore 27
Detroit 17, Los Angeles 35
Detroit 31, San Francisco 35
Detroit 27, Philadelphia 16
Detroit 31, San Francisco 10
Detroit 7, Chicago Bears 27
Detroit 18, Green Bay 6
Detroit 20, Cleveland 7
Detroit 21, Chicago Bears 13

PLAYOFF

Detroit 31, San Francisco 27

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Detroit 59, Cleveland 14

1958 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

Sept. 28, at Baltimore
Oct. 5, at Green Bay
Oct. 12, at Los Anegles
Oct. 19, Baltimore
Oct. 26, at Los Angeles
Nov. 2, at San Francisco
Nov. 9, at Cleveland
Nov. 16, San Francisco
Nov. 23, Chicago Bears
Nov. 27, Green Bay
Dec. 7, New York

DETROIT LIONS' FINAL STATISTICS—1957

TEAM STATISTICS

	Lions	Opp.
First Downs Rushing	103	81
First Downs Passing	105	100
First Downs Penalty	13	17
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	221	198
Yds. Gn. Rush (Net)	1811	1521
Yds. Gn. Pass (Net)	2029	1844
Yds. Gn. Passing	2239	2095
Yds. Lost Att. Pass.	210	251
TOTAL YDS. GN. (Net)	3840	3365

	Lions	Opp.
Passes Attempted	361	290
Passes Completed	163	163
Passes Had Int.	22	25
Passes Int. By	25	22
Yds. Int. Pass. Ret.	312	288
TDs Int. Passes	1	1
No. of Punts	54	55
Yards Punts	2156	2250
Ave. Dist. Punts	40.1	41.0

	Lions	Opp.
Punts Rct. By	41	33
Yds. Punts Ret.	200	54
TDs Punts Ret.	0	0
No. of Kickoff Ret.	37	46
Yds. Kickoff Ret.	747	1018
TDs Kickoff Ret.	0	0
Penalties	65	65
Yds. Penalized	673	577
Fumbles	29	28

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing	Atts.	Yds. Gn.	Lg. Gn.	Ave.
Johnson	129	621	62	4.8
Rote	71	366	23	5.2
Gedman	67	278	59	4.2
Cassady	73	250	57	3.4
Layne	24	99	21	4.0
Hart	24	99	16	4.1
Tracy	16	46	17	2.9
Lary	1	32	32	32.0
Dibble	1	5	5	5.0
Reichow	2	9	7	4.5
Brown	2	6	3	3.0
TOTALS	410	1811	62	4.4

Receiving	No.	Yds. Gn.	Lg. Gn.	TDs
Doran	33	624	65t	5
Cassady	25	325	48	3
Reichow	17	215	32t	3
Junker	22	305	32	4
Johnson	20	141	16	0
Middleton	18	294	56	2
Gedman	10	135	47	0
Tracy	6	24	7	0
Dibble	8	121	23	0
Hart	4	55	22	0
TOTALS	163	2239	65t	17

Interceptions	No.	Yds. Ret.	TD
Christiansen	10	137	1
Karlivacz	5	54	0
David	3	20	0
Lary	2	64	0
Schmidt	1	8	0
Long	1	3	0
Martin	1	22	0
Lowe	1	3	0
Barr	1	0	0
TOTALS	25	312	1

Punting	No.	Yds.	Lg.	Ave.
Lary	54	2156	66	40.1

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	Lg. Ret.	TD
Lary	25	139	36	0
Barr	9	33	18	0
Christiansen	3	12	8	0
Brown	3	16	15	0
Karilivacz	1	0	0	0

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds.	Lg. Ret.	TD
Cassady	10	232	37	0
Barr	9	153	27	0
Brown	6	106	23	0
Gedman	6	158	45	0
Christiansen	4	80	22	0
Cronin	1	0	0	0
Perry	1	18	18	0

Passing	Atts.	Comp.	Yds. Gn.	Yds. Lost Att. Pass.	TDP	Lg. Gn.	Int.	Pct.
Layne	179	87	1169	110	6	65t	12	.487
Rote	177	76	1070	87	11	48	10	.431
Reichow	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Gedman	2	0	0	13	0	0	0	.000
Lary	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	361	163	2239	210	17	65t	22	.451

1958 DETROIT LIONS' ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	School
Agers, Don	T	6-3	235	Missouri Mines
Alderton, Gene	C	6-1	215	Maryland
Ane, Charlie	C	6-2	265	U.S.C.
Austin, Bill	C	6-4	225	Auburn
Barr, Terry	HB	6-0	190	Michigan
Boutte, Harold	E	6-3	215	San Jose State
Campbell, Stan	G	6-0	228	Iowa State
Cassady, Howard	HB	5-10	180	Ohio State
Chaney, Claude	HB	6-2	200	Dayton
Christiansen, Jack	HB	6-2	196	Colo. A & M
Cheekmur, Lou	T	6-4	254	William & Mary
Cronin, Gene	G	6-2	230	C.O.P.
Cunningham, Leon	C	6-2	225	South Carolina
David, Jim	HB	5-10	185	Colo. A & M
Destino, Frank	HB	5-11	190	South Carolina
Doran, Jim	E	6-2	200	Iowa State
Gandee, Sonny	LB	6-0	215	Ohio State
Gatski, Frank	C	6-3	240	Marshall
Gedman, Gene	HB	5-10	195	Indiana
Glass, Bill	T	6-5	240	Baylor
Gordy, John	G	6-3	238	Tennessee
Hart, Leon	FB	6-5	250	Notre Dame
Herzog, Henry	HB	6-0	195	Tennessee
Johnson, Carl	DHB	6-1	185	South Dakota
Johnson, John Henry	FB	6-2	207	Ariz. State
Junker, Steve	E	6-3	218	Xavier
Karilivacz, Carl	HB	6-0	192	Syracuse
Karras, Alex	T	6-2	240	Iowa
Koepfer, Karl	G	6-2	230	Bowling Green
Lary, Yale	HB	5-10	185	Texas A & M
Layne, Bobby	QB	6-1	208	Texas
Lewis, Dan	HB	6-1	200	Wisconsin
Loftin, Jim	FB	6-3	215	Alabama
Long, Bob	LB	6-4	229	U.C.L.A.
Lowe, Gary	DHB	6-0	190	Michigan State
Mackey, Harry	E	6-1	200	Kentucky State
Mains, Gil	T	6-3	250	Murray State
Marazza, Dick	T	6-4	235	Clemson
Martin, Jim	LB	6-2	225	Notre Dame
McCord, Darris	E-T	6-3	245	Tennessee
Meredith, Dudley	T	6-4	245	Midwestern
Middleton, Dave	E	6-1	190	Auburn
Miller, Bob	T	6-2	245	Virginia
Muller, Bob	LB	5-11	215	Eastern Kentucky
Outten, Harold	G	5-11	230	Virginia
Paolucci, Ben	T	6-2	250	Wayne State
Pfeifer, Ralph	HB	6-1	200	Kansas State
Perry, Jerry	T	6-4	235	California
Powell, Jack	T	6-2	230	Texas A & M
Reichow, Jerry	QB	6-2	210	Iowa
Ringquist, Gordon	T	6-4	250	Central Michigan
Rote, Tobin	QB	6-3	215	Rice
Russell, Ken	T	6-3	250	Bowling Green
Rychlec, Tom	E	6-3	210	American International
Sakal, Bob	T	6-0	245	Dayton
Schmidt, Joe	LB	6-0	222	Pittsburgh
Schulte, Tom	E	6-2	190	Eastern Kentucky
Sewell, Harley	G	6-1	226	Texas
Tracy, Tom	B	5-9	200	Tennessee
Wagstaff, Jim	DHB	6-1	190	Idaho State
Walker, Wayne	C	6-2	215	Idaho
Webb, Ken	FB	5-11	210	Presbyterian
Whitsell, Dave	DHB	6-0	180	Indiana
Zatkoff, Roger	LB	6-2	220	Michigan

LIONS' 1958 DRAFT LIST

(Top Choices Listed in Order)

KARRAS, Alex, tackle, Iowa
WALKER, Wayne, center, Idaho
LEWIS, Dan, halfback, Wisconsin
PFEIFER, Ralph, halfback, Kansas State
OUTTEN, Harold, guard, Virginia
KOEPFER, Karl, guard, Bowling Green
BLAZER, Phil, tackle, North Carolina
LOFTIN,, Jim, fullback, Alabama
PAOLUCCI, Ben, tackle, Wayne State U.
SCHAUBACH, Elliott, tackle, William & Mary
CHANEY, Claude, halfback, Dayton

BOUTTE, Harold, end, San Jose State
MARONEY, Barry, halfback, Cincinnati
WEBB, Ken, fullback, Presbyterian
SCHELDRUP, John, end, Iowa State
MOHLMAN, Gerald, halfback, St. Benedicts
RINGQUIST, Gordon, tackle, Central Michigan
GURASICH, Walt, guard, Southern California
AUSTIN, Bill, center, Auburn
CARRIER, Larry, halfback, Kansas
BOTTOS, Dave, fullback, Murray State
CURRY, Bill, tackle, Western Kentucky St.

WAGSTAFF, Jim, halfback, Idaho State
NIDIFFER, David, end, South Carolina
DESTINO, Frank, halfback, South Carolina
WHITSELL, Dave, halfback, Indiana
COOK, Jim, quarterback, Auburn
BRUCE, Joe, tackle, Middle Tennessee St.
AGERS, Don, tackle, Missouri School of Mines
PITT, Jack, end, South Carolina
HERZOG, Henry, halfback, Kentucky
BRONSON, Tom, fullback, Tennessee

Tittle sneaks for short yardage against Rams.

WESTERN DIVISION

FORTY-NINERS

Albert betting heavily on racehorse halfbacks

By Jack McDonald
San Francisco Call Bulletin

San Francisco's fabulous foursome: left to right, Hugh McElhenney, left half; Joe Perry, fullback; Y. A. Tittle, qb; and Joe Arenas, right half.

RACEHORSES for halfbacks. That's the 49ers' new wrinkle for 1958, with rookies Jim Pace of Michigan and Abe Woodson of Illinois in the role of equines. And neither are darkhorses. This pair figures to supply the fleetest halfbacking in the club's history. Proven 9.7 sprinters on the college cinderpaths, Pace and Woodson may rewrite the San Francisco record book for team yardage, ground and airwise. Never before have the 49ers possessed this kind of swiftness, not even in the days when Hugh McElhenny was a frisky rookie and Joe Perry was knifing down the briar patch like a jet.

In drafting a speedster like Pace as a No. 1 choice, Coach Frankie Albert figures he got two for one, since the Wolverine's 60 yard indoor sprint champion can go both ways. It was the same the year before with Woodson, who is now coming out of the service. The pro debut of this pair can't help but alter Albert's offense scheme and give it balance, something to mix between a power type of running and passing.

Going into the 1957 season, no expert had the 49ers rated higher than third place in the Western Division and even those who gave them that high a niche did so with the feeling they were being "homers." Most had them farther down and some put them at the bottom of the heap. But they finished with an 8-4 record and it took a division play-off victory by the world champion Detroit Lions to keep Albert's battlers out of a title contest. Granted, the 49ers had to pull four of their league games out of the fire in the last two minutes, to get as far as they did.

Albert argues that under these circumstances his San Franciscans might well have had to settle for 4-8 instead of 8-4 and indicates third place is "plenty high to put us for '58." He reminds everyone that the Lions are still the champs, that George Halas' return to the coaching sidelines will make Chicago the Bears of old, that Baltimore has the same good personnel plus a good draft, and that the Rams are still potentially the greatest. But experts who follow the 49ers are a little more optimistic than the coaches. They see fewer imponderables than in the past.

The 49ers' 8-4 record last year was accomplished with the aid of R. C. Owens' kangaroo jumps for long end zone passes thrown by Y. A. Tittle. These havoc-wreakers came to be known around the loop as "alleyoop" passes. The so-called "alleyoop," as Albert used it last year, was strictly in its infancy. Rome wasn't built in a day. The "alleyoop" will be exploited more fully in 1958. The depths of its amazing potentialities have scarcely been plumbed, according to the left handed San Francisco mentor. Don't be surprised if you see Owens hopping down the field on a pogo stick this year. And maybe with a big Louisiana swamp rabbit's foot sticking out of his pocket.

But Owens was not just an "alleyoop" specialist. A check of the 1957 records will show he caught a lot of short bread-and-butter passes, too. The threat of the "alleyoop" was always there, however, and Albert aims to make it more of a

Lou Palatella puts a crushing block on Ram defender to spring McElhenney loose on 16-yard gainer against Los Angeles last year.

mental hazard to opponents than ever. The mere threat is a weapon.

Will Tittle, the old bald eagle of the Texas plains, coming off his best season in more than a decade of pro ball, make this, his eleventh season, even a greater one? There are portents of this to come. At 31 there are no signs of old age setting in. This should be no slump year for him. Good quarterbacks don't tail off every other season, like some baseball pitchers. Tittle has never been inconsistent, and the 49ers have every right to expect as good a year, maybe even a better one, than they got out of him in 1957.

This is because of a greater wealth of receivers. There will be more than just the incomparable Billy Wilson and the greatly improved Clyde Connor for pinpoint targets this time, with receivers like Woodson, Pace and Fred Dugan, Dayton University's first All-American. When you add three receivers of their rookie potential, you're passing game doesn't figure to take a drop in class.

When one man, Conner, got hurt last year, the 49ers went into a tailspin that prevented them from sewing up a division title. This year, when one man, like Conner, is injured, three are ready to jump in and take his place. As everybody knows, an NFL winner has to be deep enough in personnel to have good football players on the bench, so if a top man gets hurt, it won't drop clear out of sight.

Like the Rams, with their Tom Wilson, Ronnie Waller and Jon Arnett. If any of the three were hurt, two others could step in. But when it happened to 49er Conner last year, Hugh McElhenny had to be played out of position, as a part-time end, and at one crucial stage of the race, Albert was forced to use Joe Perry and Gene Babb, two fullbacks, in the same backfield, because he had no running halfback to take Mac's place. The drop in speed was noticeable and the 49er attack was incomplete, with only power running and passing. Pace and Woodson should supply the speed running balance.

Tittle need only play back to his past performances to make the 49er passing game a busy, live, effective weapon, but should he falter or meet up with injuries, the club will have its best insurance since the years when Albert himself was dividing the quarterbacking with Tittle. This will be the year when the sharpshooting John Brodie steps into the breach and takes charge, if an emergency arises. Last year the Stanford phenomenon wasn't quite up to it, experiencewise, although when a Tittle leg conked out in the crucial Baltimore game, Brodie went in and threw a fourth down pass in the last minute that kept the 49ers alive in the race.

Everything will be done during the pre-season games to develop Brodie into a front line quarterback. He will bear the major brunt of the pre-season campaign, not because Albert entertains fears of a Tittle el foldo, but because Brodie needs the playing time and because it will save some early season wear and tear on "Colonel Slick," as his team mates call Y.A.

Mention has been made of the possibilities of Pace and Woodson for receiving depth, but it is in their use as ball carriers that Albert has his eyes cocked on. The 195 pound Pace scored ten touchdowns in nine games last year to top the Big Ten in point making. His 5.4 rushing average was produced by netting 664 yards in 123 carries. The sprint champ's record stands out and he was even tougher to handle in conference competition, pacing all Big Ten runners by netting 584 yards in 100 tries.

Although Woodson was a marked man by opponents, he was Illinois' No. 1 ground gainer and his three season average was 5.3 per carry. A thumbnail of his last game against Michigan State will bear citing, as an example. MSU led 13-0 at the half. Woodson was the dynamo for a third period touchdown, then tied it up by taking a pitchout and running 70 yards to score. After which he took a screen pass and scored the winning TD on a spectacular 82-yard run. Final score Illinois 20, MSU 13.

His versatility carried over to the track team, where for three seasons he was a key performer. He twice tied the world's indoor 50 yard hurdles mark and won the Big Ten indoor and outdoor championships in the hurdles, also scoring more points in the dashes. Small wonder Albert crossed off days on the calendar until Abe got out of the service.

Some think Green Bay had the best draft among Western Division clubs, but this is open to dispute. The 49ers didn't do badly. It was the one time in history that they came out with two first draft choices — Pace for a traded first choice the Steelers gave away in the Earl Morrall deal, and Charlie Krueger, Texas A & M tackle, as a regular first choice.

Lynn Waldorf, who resigned as head coach at California, is the 49ers new director of personnel and is in charge of the club's far flung scouting system. He did a meticulous job of talent combing in serving the club his first season. Albert rates the draft for 1958 as the best the club ever had, although, he adds, you never know until they put those helmets on.

The draft objectives were to get more running speed at the halfback and fullback positions, stocking up on good aerial defenders, and bolstering the offensive line, which was one of the weakest in the league last year. Albert hopes some of the unsung rookie tackles can be developed into offensive guards, and he will not hesitate to shift Pace or Woodson into the defensive secondary, if he feels such a move will help the club. Pass defense has been the 49ers' Achilles heel for many seasons. This is one reason he has been stocking up on this type of athlete. The club has only one high-rated defensive back — Dicky Moegle.

If no rookie fullback comes out of the hopper, the 49ers are adequately manned with veteran Gene Babb and rookie Bill Atkins of Auburn, as help for Perry, who will be 31 this year and has slowed up, although he showed sporadic flashes of his one-time speed on occasions in 1957.

Just as a guess, the following could be the key rookies for the 49ers — Abe Woodson, Illinois, hb; Jim Pace, Michigan, hb; Fred Dugan, Dayton, end and defensive hb; Charlie Krueger, Texas A & M, tackle; Charlie Brueckman, Pitt, center-linebacker; Bob Hoppe and Bill Atkins, both of Auburn, backs.

The talents of Pace and Woodson have been mentioned. A brief rundown of the other outstanding on-paper prospects follows:

Dugan — In spite of coming from a small school, Dayton, he made most of the All-America teams last fall. An outstanding pass receiver, he finished second in the nation, with 35 receptions for 536 yards. Starred in East-West Shrine game. Is an excellent punter. He can fit in at several positions. Can be used as a flanker, defensive back or an end. Hasn't quite the speed of Pace or Woodson, but is a good athlete.

Brueckman — Not heavy enough (210) to be an offensive center, but should help as a linebacker. Army rated him the best player the Cadets faced all year.

Very quick, and a hard tackler. Can be used as an offensive tackle or defensive end.

Hoppe and Atkins—Both were drafted because they were the two key men at Auburn, which had the best defensive record in the country last year, with three touchdowns scored against them, only two of which were chargeable to the defense. Hoppe played a wing and Atkins wing and linebacker in this fine defensive unit. That the 49ers seek to tighten their defense is seen in the fact they plucked Hoppe as their third choice and Atkins as their fifth. They had to be high on these two boys.

Atkins was Auburn's most dependable rusher as a fullback and is also a fine punter. He may answer a big need in the latter department, if he can maintain an average. Few collegers do when they get in pro. Earl Morrall had a 40 yard average at MSU but couldn't do it in pro. Larry Barnes came to the 49ers last year as a great college kicker but Albert didn't get pro punting out of him. Most of the punting was done by Bill Jessup. That was about all Bill did do. But if he stays the best kicker on the squad, he'll still be around.

All pro clubs must have a place kicker, if he can't do another thing. And aging Gordy Soltau figures to make the club again on this basis alone. He scored 60 points in 1957 on 33 extra point tries without a miss and nine field goals from 15 tries.

There are players on the 49er squad who think Karl Rubke will be the best middle linebacker in the NFL this year. They call him the key to the club's improved defense. Albert shifted Rubke to the middle spot late in the season, just before the New York Giant game. The 49ers ended a three-game losing streak and the linebacking jelled. And the 49ers are still thanking their lucky stars they got Marv Matuszak from the Steelers in the Morrall trade. They got amazing results from him at the left linebacking spot and he proved a real team leader. Matt Hazeltine also found a home as a right linebacker. But Albert is always seeking to improve and his good draft will make all positions, including the linebackers, more competitive.

The starting 49er backfield at the finish of the season found McElhenny as the tight back, Owens as the flanker, Perry at full and Tittle as quarter. Babb, however, got in more playing time than Perry at fullback, and Woodson and Pace

Bill Herchman, 49er tackle, puts headlock on Dennis Mendyk, Giants, in exhibition game.

Turning point for Forty-Niners. Upside down Tom Tracy (arrow) hurtles over tackle to score second TD for Detroit last December.

Michigan's halfback Jim Pace, number one draft choice of San Francisco, is seen here working out for last East-West battle.

FORTY-NINERS

Forty Niner end Connor (88) is all wrapped up with Cardinal defensive back trying for incomplete pass during 1957 game.

1957 REGULAR SEASON RESULTS

Cardinals 20, 49ers 10
49ers 23, Los Angeles Rams 20
49ers 21, Chicago Bears 17
49ers 24, Green Bay 14
49ers 21, Chicago Bears 17
49ers 35, Detroit 31
Rams 37, 49ers 24
Detroit 31, 49ers 10
Baltimore 27, 49ers 21
49ers 27, New York 17
49ers 17, Baltimore 13
49ers 27, Green Bay 20
*Detroit 31, 49ers 27

*Playoff for Western Conference title.

1958 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

Sept. 28, Pittsburgh
Oct. 5, Los Angeles
Oct. 12, at Chicago Bears
Oct. 19, at Philadelphia
Oct. 26, Chicago Bears
Nov. 2, Detroit
Nov. 9, at Los Angeles
Nov. 16, at Detroit
Nov. 23, at Green Bay
Nov. 30, at Baltimore
Dec. 7, Green Bay
Dec. 14, Baltimore

are formidable factors on this year's offensive backfield planning board.

Taking the club, position by position in the line, here is the setup:

OFFENSE

Center — Frank Morze has the spot virtually sewed up, but Brueckman and rookie George Troutman, ninth draft choice, from Capitol, will try to beat him out.

Guards — Bruce Bosley and Ted Connolly were there last year, although Lou Palatella played a lot when the two were hurt. Tom Topping of Duke, Ronnie Mushatt of Grambling, and Pete Williams of Lehigh, are rookie prospects with a chance.

Tackles — Bob St. Clair and Bobby Cross held the fort last year, with John Gonzaga filling in. Now Krueger looms as a big threat.

Ends — Billy Wilson and Clyde Conner did the big job, with Bill Jessup and Gordy Soltau filling in sparingly. Harold Dukes of Michigan State is a darkhorse. Jerry Mertens of Drake, with a great reception record, also must be reckoned with.

DEFENSE

Center—Hazeltine, Rubke and Matuszak were here last year with Brueckman and Dennis Morris now in the picture.

Guards — It may be hard to improve on Leo Nomellini, who had one of his best seasons, and Bill Herchman, but George Troutman, if tried here, may prove a threat.

Tackles — Ed Henke and Bob Toneff had these spots in 1957. Krueger will be tried and so will rookies John Wittenborn of Southeast Missouri, and Stewart Pell of North Carolina.

Defensive backs are still needed — somebody to match up with Moegle. Jim Ridlon, Bill Stits, Val Jo Walker, Bob Holladay and J. D. Smith are still around. All will be fighting for their jobs and at least two are likely to be replaced. ■

Illinois' Abe Woodson will add terrific speed to Frankie Albert's backfield.

SAN FRANCISCO 49'ERS' FINAL STATISTICS—1957

	49'ERS	OPP.
First Downs Rushing	92	107
First Downs Passing	115	117
First Downs Penalties	16	15
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	223	239
Net Yards Rushing	1622	1847
Net Yards Passing	2036	2401
TOTAL NET YARDS	3658	4248
Passes Attempted	305	332
Passes Completed	191	182
Passes Had Intercepted	18	18
Yards Interceptions Returned by	264	336
NUMBER OF RUSHING PLAYS	377	434
Average Gain Per Rushing Play	4.30	4.26
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS	682	776
Average Gain Per Offensive Play	5.36	5.47
NUMBER OF PUNTS	57	47
Average Length of Punts	44.8	40.3
NUMBER OF PUNTS RETURNED	37	35
Yardage of Punt Returns	122	205
NUMBER OF KICKOFFS RETURNED	42	46
Yardage of Kickoffs Returned	1096	934
PENALTIES AGAINST	66	55
Yards Lost Penalties	629	602
FUMBLES	22	25
Ball Lost on Fumbles	14	16

Rushing	TCB	NYG	Avg.
McElhenny	102	478	4.69
Perry	97	454	4.68
Babb	102	330	3.24
Tittle	40	220	5.50
Barnes	20	78	3.90
Moegle	9	48	5.33
Arenas	5	14	2.80
Brodie	2	0	0.00
	377	1622	4.30

Receiving	No.	NYG	TD
Wilson	52	757	6
McElhenny	37	458	2
Conner	30	412	4
Owens	27	395	5
Babb	20	141	0
Perry	15	130	0
Soltau	5	47	0
Jessup	2	29	0
Powell	1	27	0
Arenas	1	10	0
Barnes	1	1	0
	191	2407	17

Punting	No.	Yards	Avg.
Barnes	19	894	47.1
Jessup	38	1656	43.6
	57	2550	44.8

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	Avg.
McElhenny	10	41	4.10
Arenas	25	80	3.20
Hazzeltine	1	1	1.00
Moegle	1	0	0.00
	37	122	3.30

Interceptions	No.	Yards	TD
Moegele	8	107	0
Stits	2	28	0
Hazeltine	2	22	0
Walker	2	20	0
Smith	2	17	0
Herchman	1	54	1
Rubke	1	16	0
	18	264	1

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yards	Avg.
Arenas	24	657	27.4
Smith	14	368	26.3
Hazeltine	1	23	23.0
Carr	1	10	10.0
Jessup	1	8	8.0
Babb	1	0	0.0
Palatella	0	30	—
	42	1096	26.1

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	YLAP	TDP	HI	Avg./Att.
Tittle	279	176	63.1	2157	362	13	15	7.73
Brodie	21	11	52.4	160	0	2	3	7.62
Arenas	3	3	100.0	92	0	2	0	30.67
Barnes	1	1	100.0	−2	0	0	0	−2.00
Perry	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.00
McElhenny	0	0	—	0	9	0	0	—
	305	191	62.6	2407	371	17	18	7.89

Scoring	TD	XPA	XP	FGA	FG	Safeties	Total
Soltau	0	33	33	15	9	0	60
Tittle	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
Wilson	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
Owens	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
Conner	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
Babb	3	0	0	0	0	0	18
McElhenny	3	0	0	0	0	0	18
Perry	3	0	0	0	0	0	18
Arenas	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Herchman	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Moegle	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Nomellini	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
	33	33	33	15	9	1	260

1958 SAN FRANCISCO 49'ERS' ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
Conner, Clyde	E	6-2	195	College of Pacific
Jessup, Bill	E	6-1	195	Southern California
Soltau, Gordy	E	6-2	195	Minnesota
Wilson, Billy	E	6-4	190	San Jose State
Gonzaga, John	E	6-3	240	Mt. Diablo H.S.
Henke, Ed	E	6-4	227	Southern California
Toneff, Bob	E	6-3	255	Notre Dame
Cross, Bob	T	6-4	250	Kilgore J.C.
St. Clair, Bob	T	6-9	263	USF—Tulsa
Herchman, Bill	T	6-2	240	Texas Tech
Nomellini, Leo	T	6-3	255	Minnesota
Bosley, Bruce	G	6-2	240	West Virginia
Connolly, Ted	G	6-3	240	Santa Clara—Tulsa
Palatella, Lou	G	6-2	230	Pittsburgh
Morze, Frank	C	6-4	280	Boston College
Hazeltine, Matt	LB	6-1	205	California

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
Matuszak, Marv	LB	6-2	235	Tulsa
Powell, Charlie	LB	6-3	225	San Diego H.S.
Rubke, Karl	LB	6-4	235	Southern California
Brodie, John	QB	6-1	195	Stanford
Tittle, Y. A.	QB	6-0	195	Louisiana State
Arenas, Joe	HB	5-11	180	Omaha
McElhenny, Hugh	HB	6-1	198	Washington
Owens, R. C.	HB	6-3	205	College of Idaho
Holladay, Bob	HB	5-11	175	Tulsa
Moegle, Dick	HB	6-1	195	Rice
Ridlon, Jim	HB	6-1	195	Syracuse
Smith, J. D.	HB	6-1	200	North Carolina A & M
Walker, Val Joe	HB	6-1	178	Southern Methodist
Babb, Gene	FB	6-3	207	Austin
Barnes, Larry	FB	6-1	225	Colorado A & M
Perry, Joe	FB	6-0	210	Compton J.C.

49'ERS' 1958 DRAFT LIST

(Top Choices Listed in Order)

Jim Pace, halfback, Michigan
Charles Kreuger, tackle, Texas A & M
Bob Hoppe, halfback, Auburn
Bill Atkins, halfback, Auburn
Henry Schmidt, tackle-end, USC
Ron Mills, halfback, West Texas St.
George Troutman, tackle-center, Capitol
Pete Williams, guard, Lehigh
Harold Dukes, end, Michigan State
Jim Yore, fullback, Indiana
Max Fields, halfback, Whittier
John Wittenborn, tackle, Southeast Missouri
Dennit Morris, fullback, Oklahoma
Ronnie Mushatt, guard-tackle, Grambling
Jerry Mertens, end, Drake
Don Christian, halfback, Arkansas
Bruce Hartman, tackle, Luther
Dee Mackey, end, East Texas St.
Bill Kaczmarek, center, Southwest Missouri
Garland Warren, center, North Texas St.
Herman Hodges, halfback, Sam Houston St.
Abe Woodson, halfback, Illinois
Fred Dugan, end-halfback, Dayton
Charles Brueckman, center-linebacker, Pittsburgh
Earl Kaiser, halfback, Houston
Tom Topping, tackle-end, Duke
George Parks, quarterback, Lamar Tech

WESTERN DIVISION

BALTIMORE COLTS

Talent plus high morale makes Colt team tough

By Walter Taylor
Baltimore Evening Star

EVER SINCE the 1957 National Football League campaign ended, disappointed Baltimore Colt fans have consoled each other with the remark, "Knock out three minutes of the season, and it would have been an entirely different story."

Specifically they were referring to:

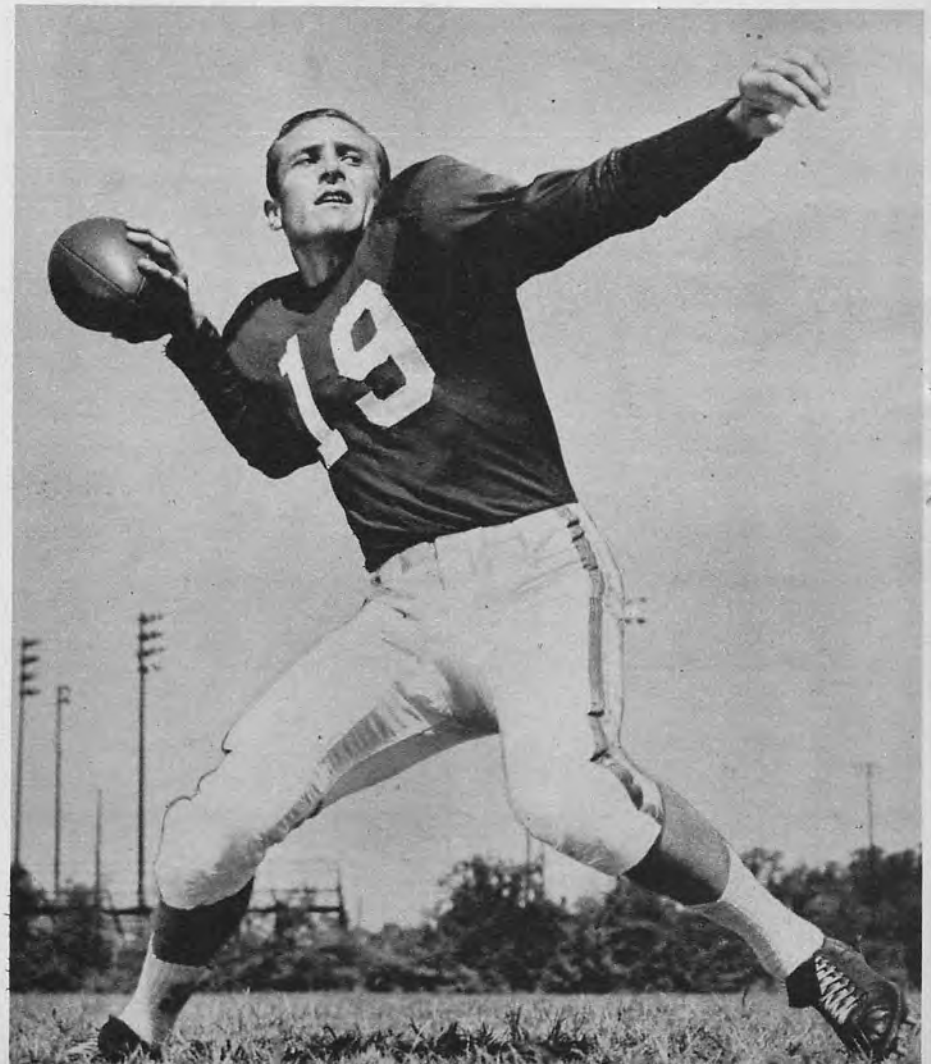
The last 47 seconds of the October 20 game in Detroit when Bobby Layne passed to Hopalong Cassady for the touchdown that beat the Colts, 31 to 27.

The final 29 seconds of the Green Bay tilt in Baltimore the following Sunday when Bill Howton got behind Henry Moore to take Babe Parilli's aerial for a 75-yard touchdown play that meant a 24-21 triumph for the Packers.

The last 46 seconds of the December 8 fray in San Francisco when John Brodie passed 14 yards to Hugh McElhenny in the end zone to give the Forty-Niners a 17-13 decision.

Actually, that's barely more than two minutes of playing time in which to completely unhinge a team's hopes. The Colts' other losses to Pittsburgh and Los Angeles were devoid of last-second heroics on the part of the ultimate victors, but without the three "heart attack" defeats, Baltimoreans say, their club would have won the Western Division crown and met Cleveland for the league championship. Who knows then what might have happened?

To this reasoning Coach Weeb Ew-



Back from the Army and ready for quarterbacking duties once again is Francis (Cotton) Davidson.

Alan (the horse) Ameche, Baltimore's fine fullback, is seen being pulled down from behind by Dick Alban of Pittsburgh Steelers.

bank answers, "Sure, those things hurt us, but all the other clubs can say the same thing. Every one of them can point to one or two plays or a mistake of some kind that cost a touchdown and a game."

Ewbank is beginning his third two-year term in Baltimore since coming from Cleveland in 1954. A coach whose feet are solidly on the ground, he brought with him from the Browns a number of ideas that have paid off handsomely.

When he first arrived, Ewbank told the Colt hierarchy it would take five years to create a flag contender. The team's showing the last couple seasons has proven Weeb a bum prophet, but on the pleasant side.

"We've gone along," declares Ewbank, one of the most cautious men in the business in speaking for public consumption. "Getting as close as we did last year was good. Everyone picked us to finish last in the Western Division, and we were in contention for the championship until the last game. Thus we have exceeded our normal building program."

According to Weeb's initial estimate, the season coming up should be the first in which the Colts ought to loom as a power. Yet for the last two seasons Baltimore has been one of the toughest outfits to handle, and with a solid nucleous to build on, it should continue to command esteem from its rivals.

We will be feared in every game we play," says Ewbank in one of his rare predictions. "That wasn't so two years ago. Now we are respected by all.

"As I look at it, it's a matter of morale. Our players no longer feel they can go only so long and then the roof will fall in. They believe now they can do it."

One reason for optimism is that for the first time since Baltimore became an NFL member it will have no changes in the coaching staff. Ewbank's four aides — Charlie Winner, defensive backfield; John Bridgers, tackles; Herman Ball, guards and centers; and Bob Shaw, ends and scout, are staying another year.

It is axiomatic that to remain in the upper crust of the league a team should have a turnover of five or six men a season. The Colts, who had a dozen newcomers on their squad in 1955, may have seven or eight.

Although men like Jim Mutscheller, Raymond Berry, Lenny Moore and John Unitas were well up in individual loop statistics last season, the Colts aren't founded on the brilliance of one or two stars.

Their offense, second best in the league in '57, was achieved mainly on teamwork. Moore, L. G. Dupre and Alan Ameche did the running, and Unitas handled the aerial game. Their's is a case of a number of average players working as a unit to succeed. Lacking a Harlon Hill or Frank Gifford, they figure to operate the same way again.

Strongest departments of the club are

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at quarterback, where Ewbank has his choice of eight; offensive center with Buzz Nutter and Dick Szymanski, and the defensive line, led by All-Pro Gino Marchetti and Art Donovan, which is magnificent against running plays. Against passing that same defensive line leaves something to be desired as Marchetti is the only constant rusher.

Despite the development of Jim Parker at left tackle, the club still needs offensive linemen. It always is on the lookout for offensive backs. There is considerable need for linebackers and defensive backs, although Milt Davis and Andy Nelson came through as rookies and the addition of Henry Moore from New York and Art DeCarlo, ex-Pittsburgh and Washington performer, helped. Something also must be done about punting, in which Baltimore was dead last in 1957.

The Colts think they took care of these matters in last winter's draft. Where once they had to draft heavily in certain positions, they now can look for more all-around ability and even afford the luxury of a full-time punter. They believe they have secured additional help at offensive end for Mutscheller and Berry. Their list of draftees which shows such names as Halfbacks Leonard Lyles (Louisville), Bob Stransky (Colorado) and Bobby Jordan (V.M.I.); Quarterback Ray Brown (Mississippi); Guards Joe Nicely (West Virgina) and Floyd Peters (San Francisco State); Ends Les Walters (Penn State) and Bob Taylor (Vanderbilt) compares favorably with any in the league.

Ewbank has the entire training season to work out the Szymanski-Nutter situation at center and may need it, for it could be the crux of the 1958 campaign.

Szymanski, a rugged 230-pounder from Notre Dame, was the club's No. two draft choice in 1955 mainly as a linebacker. However, he had to play on offense that year and was so effective he missed making the all-pro team by one

Presenting Halfback Jack Call, at top of page, and Quarterback George Shaw, immediately above. Ken Jackson, right, offensive guard and tackle, is the only man on team who knows what every man does on every play. Has been a Colt since 1953.

vote. He went into service, and when he emerged late last year, he was used sparingly as a linebacker. But the club has him from scratch now and doesn't have to worry about his shedding "army legs."

Nutter, meanwhile, made the most of his rival's enforced absence and was voted the team's "unsung hero of 1957" for his stellar play. He has progressed so far Szymanski may not get his old job back. Ewbank will be just as happy to keep Buzz at center and have Szymanski take over linebacking.

There are other problems too. George Preas may return to guard after two years at tackle, if a big offensive tackle is found. The Colts also must be on the lookout for defensive replacements for Donovan and Don Joyce at left tackle and right end against the day they retire.

One of these may be 240-pound Ordell Braase, who won his spurs last year as backup man for Joyce and Marchetti. He can push both veteran ends and looms the big Colt surprise of '58. Sherman Plunkett, free agent formerly with Cleveland, and 6-foot-7-inch John Diehl, 272-pounder from Virginia, figure to scare Luke Owens, No. 1 two-way tackle now. Peters and Nicely will extend starting guards Art Spinney and Alex Sandusky. Taylor, Walters and Glen Dillon, also a former Brown, are the crop from whom help for Mutscheller and Berry is coming, with Walters also able to function as a defensive back.

The quarterback situation is involved, to be unscrambled from among John Unitas, George Shaw, Gary Kerkorian, Cotton Davidson, Brown and John Shearer, with Nelson able to function there and Leroy Vaughn coming out of service to push the others.

Unitas had a banner '57 campaign and was voted the loop's most valuable player by his fellow gridders. He is the man to beat out if another hand is to guide the helm.

Shaw, fastest field general in the NFL, was replaced by Unitas after injuring his knee one-third of the way through the '56 season and has never regained control. He was hampered last year after a knee operation and wasn't used much. All that time the knee was strengthening, it got a good test during winter basketball, and now he is ready to be the old Shaw again.

Kerkorian, the club's signal-caller until he lost out to Shaw in 1955, dropped out of play to earn a law degree at Georgetown. He is not the runner Shaw or Unitas is but is smart and the best short passer on the roster. Davidson is much improved over his pre-service showing, has a strong arm and understands passing maneuvers well.

Brown, eyed by everyone after his great showing in the Sugar Bowl against Texas, could be a two-way back like Nelson. Ewbank still likes Ray as a defensive back but can't afford to overlook him as a field general. Vaughn and

Big, rough and tough, Don Joyce, Colt defensive standout, is a professional wrestler during the off-season.

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Art Donovan, above, defensive lineman, has been an all-pro five times. Below, Gino Marchetti, another longstanding all-pro.

Shearer are untried.

Otherwise the Colts should look like this in 1958: ENDS: Offensively Berry and Mutscheller remain, with Taylor, Walters, Dillon and Bob Bailey (Thiel) fighting for the extra position. Defensively Marchetti, Joyce and Braase are still on hand, to be pushed by Jim Barton, 6-5 and 245 pounds from Marshall.

TACKLES: Offensively Parker is one of the loop's best. Preas is steady, and Owens, Diehl and Plunkett are in the fight for a two-way job. On defense Donovan has been all-pro five years, and Big Daddy Lipscomb at 286 pounds is not only the biggest Colt but at 26 is the youngest man on the defensive line and one of the team's most effective performers.

GUARDS: Spinney, Sandusky and Ken Jackson, a valuable man who also plays tackle, have to combat Nicely, Peters, John (Tim) Murnen (Bowling Green) and Tom Addison (So. Carolina).

CENTERS: Braase is learning to be No. 2 behind Nutter or Szymanski. Barton can also help.

OFFENSIVE BACKS: Lenny Moore, Dupre and Jack Call are veterans who must step ahead to keep ahead of Lyles, often called "the fastest man in football;" Stransky; Jim Faulk (Texas Christian) and Jordan. Ameche, who had a bad year in 1957, heads the fullback corps that also includes holdovers Billy Pricer and Henry Moore and newcomer Hal Bullard (Lenoir Rhyne).

LINEBACKERS: Captain Bill Pellington is back after missing most of '57 with a broken arm. Steve Myhra and Don Shinnick should be improved after their maiden seasons. Doug Eggers and Jack Patera are other experienced veterans, with Addison and Murnen promising new ones.

DEFENSIVE BACKS: Carl Taseff, another '57 cripple (broken nose), is on hand again with veterans Bert Rechichar, Jesse Thomas, Davis, Nelson, DeCarlo and Henry Moore. There are some classy new hands in Johnny Samples (Maryland State), Walters, Brown, Ray Schamber (South Dakota), Joe Cannavino (Ohio State) and Bill Bradshaw, making a second try after emergence from army service.

The punting will improve because it has to. Bradshaw, for two years the country's top collegiate booter at Bowling Green, is the chief hope. He had the best record, but Jordan, Samples, Brown and Bob McKee, Monmouth end, are other possibilities.

Davidson, Dupre and Rechichar have done the Colts' kicking in recent years, and all lacked something. Shinnick also has booting aspirations but is too slow getting the ball away. As placekickers Rechichar, Myhra and Samples are adequate.

If the Colts jell as Ewbank hopes, they will battle Detroit, San Francisco and the Chicago Bears for the Western title. Failing the peak, they thus could finish as low as fourth in this melange and still have a highly respectable year.

Los Angeles will miss Elroy Hirsch, Norm Van Brocklin and Tank Younger and will end up fifth. That leaves the basement to Green Bay, which is trying and has added J. D. Kimmel, Steve Meilinger, Ray Krouse and Dick Christy. But someone must finish last in a tough bracket, and the Packers have the longest way to go.

In the Eastern Division look for New York to shade the defending champion Browns, followed by Washington, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and the Chicago Cardinals. Almost the exact '57 finish, eh? ■

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Colts 45, Packers 17
Lions 31, Colts 27
Packers 24, Colts 21
Steelers 19, Colts 13
Colts 21, Redskins 17
Colts 29, Bears 14
49ers 21, Colts 27
Rams 14, Colts 31
Colts 13, 49ers 17
Colts 21, Rams 37

BALTIMORE COLTS' FINAL STATISTICS—1957

Rushing	Att.	Yds. Gn.	Lgst.	Ave.
Ameche	144	493	44	3.4
L. Moore	98	480	55	5.0
Dupre	101	375	22	3.7
Unitas	42	171	24	4.1
Call	33	145	11	4.4
Shaw	5	30	10	6.0
Womble	7	18	7	2.6
Nyers	1	—4	—4	—4.0

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Gn.	TDP	Lngst.	Int.
Unitas	301	172	2550	24	82t	17
Shaw	9	5	58	1	17	1
L. Moore	2	0	0	0	0	0
Davidson	2	0	0	0	0	1

Interceptions	No.	Yds.	TD
Davis	10	219	2
Rechichar	5	33	0
Nelson	5	29	0
Shinnick	2	31	0
Patera	1	16	0
Taseff	1	0	0
De Carlo	1	14	0
Thomas	1	0	0
Joyce	1	0	0
H. Moore	1	0	0

Scoring	TDs.	Ex. Pts.	FG	Total
L. Moore	11	0	0	66
Ameche	8	0	0	48
Mutscheller	8	0	0	48
Berry	6	0	0	36
Rechichar	0	21	3	30
Myhra	0	14	4	26
Dupre	4	0	0	24
Davis	2	0	0	12
Shaw	1	0	0	6
Unitas	1	0	0	6
Marchetti	1	0	0	6

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Lng.	TD
Berry	47	800	67t	6
L. Moore	40	687	82t	7
Mutscheller	32	558	66t	8
Dupre	32	339	43	2
Ameche	15	137	40	2
Womble	7	69	37	0

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds.	Lgst.	TD
Nyers	17	350	46	0
Call	14	329	45	0
Davidson	4	58	21	0
Pricer	2	40	23	0
L. Moore	0	92	92	1

Punting	No.	Yds.	Lng.	Ave.
Davidson	47	1664	56	35.4
Rechichar	5	157	55	31.4
Dupre	3	75	38	25.0

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	Lng.	TD
Rechichar	22	71	22	0
Taseff	7	60	49	0
L. Moore	2	0	0	0
Shinnick	1	2	2	0
Davis	1	0	0	0

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Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College
Shaw, George	QB	6-0	190	Oregon
Davidson, Francis	QB	6-1	185	Baylor
Unitas, John	QB	6-1	190	Louisville
Davis, Milt	HB	6-1	190	U.C.L.A.
DeCarlo, Art	HB	6-1	195	Georgia
Moore, Lenny	HB	6-1	190	Penn State
Call, John	HB	6-1	200	Colgate
Womble, Royce	HB	6-0	185	N. Tex. St.
Moore, Henry	HB	6-1	195	Arkansas
Pricer, Billy	FB	5-10	195	Oklahoma
Ameche, Alan	FB	6-0	217	Wisconsin
Thomas, Jesse	HB	5-10	180	Mich. State
Rechichar, Bert	HB	6-2	210	Tennessee
Dupre, L. G.	HB	5-11	190	Baylor
Nutter, Madison	C	6-4	225	V.P.I.
Szymanski, Dick	C	6-1	228	Notre Dame
Preas, George	T	6-2	230	V.P.I.
Patera, Jack	G	6-1	225	Oregon
Spinney, Art	G	6-1	228	Boston Coll.
Myhra, Steve	G	6-1	235	North Dakota
Shinnick, Don	LB	6-0	230	U.C.L.A.
Eggers, Doug	LB	6-0	214	S. Dakota
Sandusky, Alex	G	6-3	235	Clarion
Donovan, Art	T	6-3	265	Boston Coll.
Owens, Luke	T	6-2	242	Kent State
Campanella, Joe	T	6-1	235	Ohio State
Jackson, Ken	G	6-2	235	Texas
Lipscomb, Gene	T	6-6	282	Miller High
Parker, Jim	T	6-3	262	Ohio State
Nelson, Andy	HB	6-1	180	Memphis St.
Braase, Ordell	E	6-4	215	South Dakota
Berry, Raymond	E	6-2	190	S.M.U.
Joyce, Don	E	6-3	250	Tulane
Mutscheller, Jim	E	6-1	215	Notre Dame
Marchetti, Gino	E	6-4	240	San Francisco

COLTS' 1958 DRAFT LIST

Leonard Lyles, halfback, Louisville
Bob Stransky, halfback, Colorado
Joe Nicely, guard, West Virginia
Les Walters, end, Penn State
Raymond Brown, quarterback-halfback, Mississippi
Bob Taylor, end, Vanderbilt
John Sample, halfback, Maryland State
Floyd Peters, guard, San Francisco State
Harold Bullard, fullback, Lenoir Rhyne
Ray Schamber, halfback, South Dakota
Bobby Jordon, halfback, Virginia Military
Tommy Addison, tackle, South Carolina
Tim Murnen, guard, Bowling Green
Bob McKee, end, Monmouth
George Dintiman, halfback, Lock Haven Teachers
Joe Canavino, halfback, Ohio State
Ed Prelock, tackle, Kansas
Dan Wizniewski, guard, Pittsburgh
Joe Villa, fullback, Allegheny
Owen Mulholland, halfback, Houston
Chet Van Atta, tackle, Kansas
Harlon Geach, tackle, College of Idaho
Len DeMalon, guard, St. Vincent
Walt Schneiter, tackle, Colorado
Bob Rasmussen, guard, Minnesota
Bob Bailey, end, Thiel
Bob Bradshaw, halfback, Bowling Green
Glen Dillon, end, Pittsburgh
Leroy Vaughn, quarterback, Virginia Union
John Shearer, quarterback, Shepherd College

WESTERN DIVISION

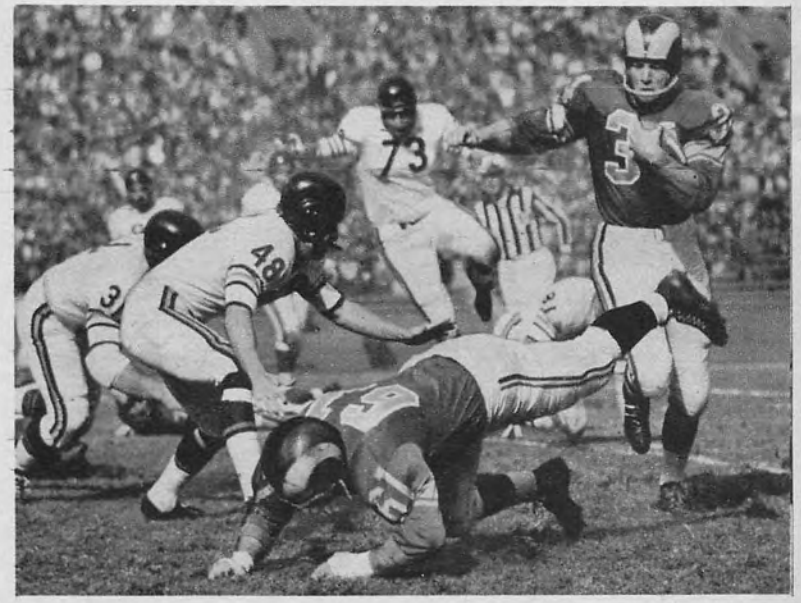
RAMS

Passing and pass defense big L. A. question mark

By Paul Zimmerman
Los Angeles Times

Billy Wade steps into full-time quarterbacking duties for L.A. Rams this season.

Ram fullback Joe Marconi carries for first down as teammate Duane Putnam blocks Bear Vic Zucco. Joe is also seen below right.



LOS ANGELES RAMS, for the first time in nine years, go to the National Football League wars this season without the services of the great passing star, Norman Van Brocklin.

On the ability of his successor hinges whatever hopes the team has for a championship.

There are those who think the Dutchman will come out of retirement before the season is too old, but Coach Sid Gillman's meticulous quarterback preparations belie the thought.

Not only must the Rams sally forth without their star thrower. Their top receiver, Elroy Hirsch, another nine year veteran, also has turned in his shoulder pads.

With the quarterback hopes being built around the veteran but casually successful Billy Wade and two freshmen – Bobby Cox and Frank Ryan – the Rams undoubtedly will capitalize as much as possible on the running threat at this position. Since Los Angeles had the best ground gaining aggregation in the league a year ago, this should help take the pressure off the passer, Coach Gillman hopes it will make the aerial game effective.

From the point of league play this will be the most inexperienced aggregation—in point of years played—the Rams have fielded in a while, even though 34 veterans have returned.

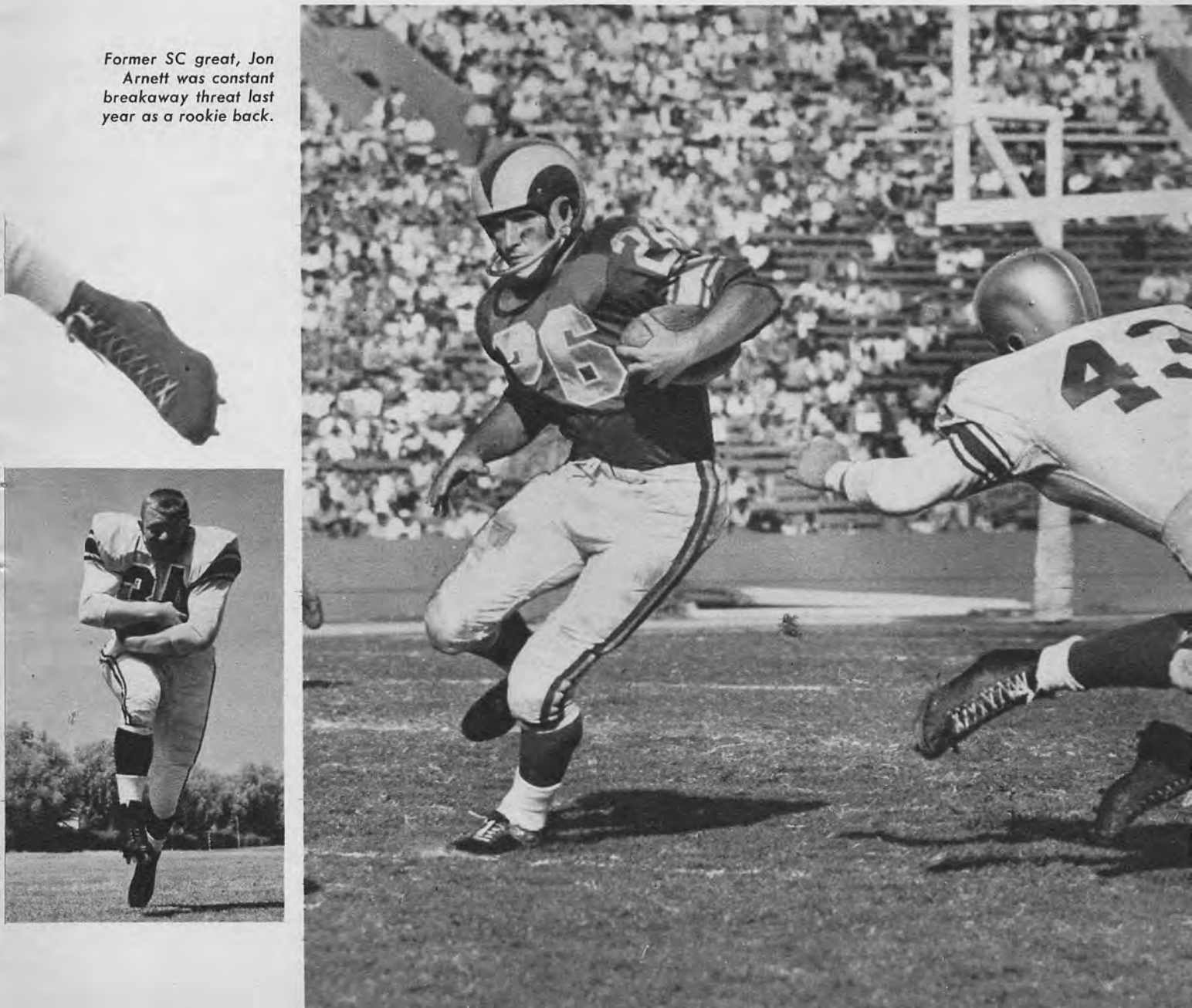
Offsetting this is the decision of Coach Gillman to depart from a previous pattern of using mostly college coaches as assistants. His new pro-experienced aids include Lou Rymkus, Bill Swiaki and Bob Waterfield. This, in itself, indicates that Gillman plans to pump up his offense. Rymkus, a former Cleveland star, is the offensive line coach. Waterfield will try to impart to the quarterbacks his great knowledge. Swiaki's task is with the ends.

Defensively, the Rams are in much

VAN BROCKLIN SIGNS WITH EAGLES!

As Pro Football '58 went to press it was officially confirmed by general manager Vince McNally that quarterback Norm Van Brocklin had signed with the Philadelphia Eagles, thus answering some of the questions raised in the following story about the Los Angeles Rams from which team the "Dutchman" had planned to retire.

Former SC great, Jon Arnett was constant breakaway threat last year as a rookie back.



the same position they were a year ago. They're well fixed with linemen and linebackers. For deeper defenses at least two spots will be filled by rookies.

Coach Gillman has left no stones unturned in his effort to bolster the quarterback spot. He started out last spring working with Wade in Nashville with a correspondence school course, to eliminate his greatest defect. That has been the matter of getting rid of the ball.

The Rams also went to great pains to be sure Frank Ryan, the Cotton Bowl star from Rice, would be ready to help Wade this fall. One of the owners, Ed Pauley, who is a regent for the Universities of California, enlisted the aid of two world-famous scientists and the UCLA chancellor.

You see, Ryan is bent on becoming an atomic physicist, and he wouldn't sign until he was sure he could continue his education in Los Angeles while playing for the Rams.

Like that of Wade, his chief problem will be to get the pigskin into orbit successfully, because he's a capable runner. The same is true of Bobby Cox, Minnesota quarterback, who was drafted high two years ago.

Gillman is outspoken on the subject of quarterbacks who can run with the ball.

"To have a successful offense in the National League," says Sid, "it has become almost imperative that the quarterback be able to run. Look at Y. A. Tittle and Tobin Rote. Their impromptu runs helped to keep the defense honest on passes.

"Look at the statistics last season and see for yourself. The successful teams had quarterbacks with plus yards gained. Ours wound up in the minus column.

"We therefore intend to utilize this ability in Wade, Ryan and Cox. We can only hope that one of the three will reach Van's passing success."

That, of course, is asking a lot. In six of his nine years, the Dutchman was either first or second in the league in pass completions. Gillman isn't hiding from the importance of good throwing.

"Obviously, an important element in our success depends on whether our quarterbacks put the ball in the air successfully. You just can't win in this league if you don't."

If all this seems to be an almost impossible task, Gillman doesn't reflect it.

"We're hopeful we will be better this year. We have the makings of a fine squad. Of course, there's always the element of good fortune a victorious team has to have in this league."

In truth, the Rams, who had the best total offense as well as the top rushing team in the league, could have won the Western Division instead of finishing fourth, were it not for two missed touchdowns.

A goal line fumble cost a touchdown and one game. A dropped pass for a sure TD at the five-yard line negated another victory.

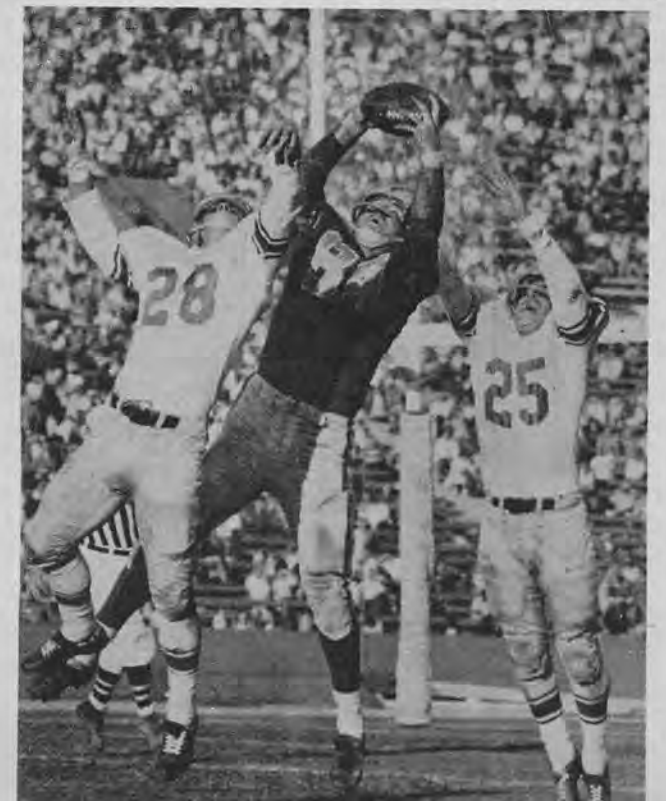
Who will the chief targets be for the Ram passing attack now that Hirsch has really quit? Los Angeles really doesn't seem to be hurting, with Bob Boyd, Leon Clark and Lamar Lundy around. Lundy didn't catch many passes last year but three went for touchdowns. His great blocking in 1957 was the big reason he moved from defense to offense.

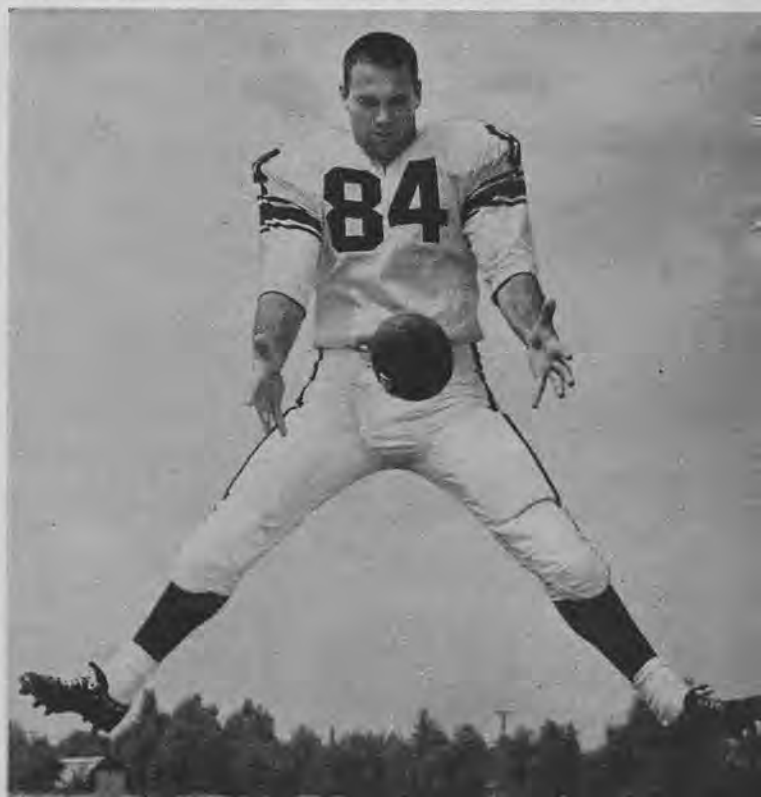
Add Gene Mitcham, a promising rookie of last year and Jim Phillips of Auburn, everybody's All American last fall. Mitcham, after a great start in the pre-season schedule, was injured before the championship race started and sat the season out.

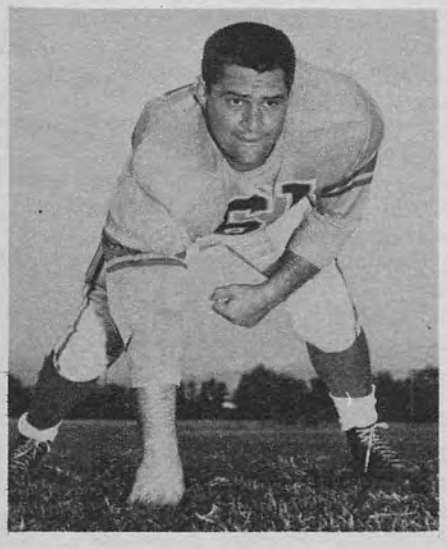
The running attack should be every bit as potent as it was a year ago. Los Angeles has four great offensive halfbacks in Jon Arnett, Tom Wilson, Ron Waller and Corky Taylor. Arnett made his 1957 rookie year a terrific one both as a runner and receiver. Wilson, approaching his third season, doesn't seem to have lost a thing. Waller was hurt much of last year but returns sound of arm and limb. Taylor joined the team for the last two games after spending two years in the service.

If Gillman has a ground game weakness it is lack of depth at fullback, caused by the retirement of a third nine-year veteran, Paul (Tank) Younger. The

End Leon Clarke, another former Trojan, leaps high to snare pass in a Lions game last year. Below right is another photo of Clarke.







Ram standouts: Above, defensive halfback Bill Sherman. Far left, Duane Putnam, guard. To his right, Les Richter.

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way Joe Marconi came into his own last fall, Younger will not be missed this year if the former West Virginian stays healthy.

Wilson will undoubtedly spell Joe, and Paige Cothren, used mainly for field goal kicking last year, is also on hand.

Gillman has a lot of confidence in his offensive line. He's expecting much of Kline Gilbert, veteran 235-pound guard obtained from the Bears in a trade. His tackles, Bob Fry and Ken Panfiel of last season, are backed up by three fine rookies, Charles Bradshaw, 230, of Baylor; John Klotz, 235, of Penn Military; and Bob Oliver, 230, of California.

With Gilbert at guard stands Duane Putnam, seven-year veteran whom Gillman considers to be the best in the league. Veteran John Hock and three rookies fill the bill.

Bob Griffin, 251-pounds, again gets the offensive center call, with rookie John Morrow of Michigan behind him. Morrow has just emerged from the service. This could be one of the fastest offensive lines in the league.

The defensive line picture is also marked with veteran talent. Paul Miller and Billy Ray Smith are standout ends. Glenn Holtzman probably will be moved in there from tackle. Jesse Arnelle of Penn State, A. D. Williams of College of Pacific and Roy Wilkins of Georgia head the rookies. Wilkins was drafted sixth.

Frank Fuller and Art Houser, two five-year men, give the Rams a pair of rugged defensive tackles. George Strugar in his first year was exceptionally good until injured. Then there is freshman John Baker, 6 ft. 6 in., and 310 pounds, who comes up from North Carolina College.

For linebackers, you have to start with Les Richter, who has been great for five years. The Rams are awful high on their No. 1 draft choice, 235-pound Bob Michaels of Kentucky. He will have to be good to beat out such veterans as Dick Daugherty, Larry Morris, Bob Dougherty and Jack Pardee.

The deep defense is a question mark. Gillman thinks he may have the answer in two draftees, Jim Jones of Washington and Clendon Thomas of Oklahoma. He traded away Jess Whittenton for Gilbert and plans to move Del Shoftner to offensive end. With Van Brocklin gone, Shoftner will also do much of the punting.

Jones and Thomas are fleet of foot and sure tacklers in addition to their pass intercepting abilities. They will be backed up by two veterans, Will Sherman and Don Burroughs.

Also scrambling for positions in the secondary are Jack Morris of Oregon and Jim Orr of Georgia, along with Alex Bravo and Jesse Castette, who have been around for a couple of seasons.

Just as Gillman is taking the big gamble at quarterback on offense, so is he keeping his fingers crossed that high draft choices come through for him in the defensive secondary.

From an over-all point of view, Gillman's problem seems to be one of getting the team back into a winning stride away from home. In the last two years the Rams have fallen apart on the road trips. In 1957 they won only one game outside of Los Angeles during the championship drive.

The Ram hopes simmer down to these three very important points: Will they find a passer? Will they come up with an adequate pass defense? Will they learn the secret of winning on foreign soil?

Accomplishment of the first two will take care of the third. ■

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Halfback Ron Waller makes practice of eluding behemoth defensive linemen.

LOS ANGELES RAMS' FINAL STATISTICS—1957

	RAMS	OPP.
Total Yardage Gained Running	2293	2050
Yards Lost Running	151	205
NET YARDAGE GAINED RUNNING	2142	1845
Forward Passes Attempted	296	301
Forward Passes Completed	144	153
Forward Passes Had Intercepted	23	14
Yards Intercepted Passes Returned	236	381
Total Yardage Gained Passes	2256	2186
NET YARDS GAINED PASSES	2001	1880
TOTAL GAINED—RUNNING & PASSING	4143	3725
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	235	216
Total Number Scrimmage Plays	854	827
Number of Penalties Against	60	49
Yards Lost on Penalties	580	509
Number of Fumbles	24	24
Own Fumbles Recovered	10	13
Touchdowns	39	33

Punting	No.	Yards	Avg.
Van Brocklin	54	2392	44.29
Shofner	2	97	48.50

Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	Avg.	T.D.
Hirsch	32	477	16.40	6
Boyd	29	534	18.40	3
Clarke	23	442	19.20	4
Arnett	18	322	17.90	3
Marconi	16	171	11.07	1
Younger	8	61	7.62	0
Wilson	7	95	13.57	1
Lundy	6	114	19.00	3
Waller	5	40	8.00	0

Rushing	Tcb.	Yards	Avg.	T.D.
Wilson	127	616	4.85	3
Marconi	104	481	4.62	3
Younger	96	401	4.17	3
Arnett	86	347	4.03	2
Waller	48	292	6.10	0

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yards	Avg.	T.D.
Arnett	18	504	28.00	1
Waller	13	289	22.20	0
Wilson	11	290	26.36	0
Pardee	3	21	7.00	0
Putnam	2	11	5.50	0
Taylor	1	35	35.00	0
Lundy	1	0	0.00	0

Pass Interceptions	No.	Yards	TD.
Richter	4	60	0
Burroughs	3	29	0
Shofner	2	27	0
Sherman	1	51	0
Daugherty	1	32	1
Whittenton	1	31	0
Dougherty	1	6	0
Morris	1	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	Avg. %	T.D.
Waller	16	33	2.06	0
Arnett	14	85	6.07	0
Taylor	3	41	13.66	0
Wilson	1	28	28.00	0
Burroughs	1	11	11.00	0
Sherman	1	0	0.00	0

Forward Passing	Att.	Com.	Int.	Yds.	Pct.	T.D.
Van Brocklin	265	132	21	2105	.498	20
Wade	24	10	1	116	.417	1
Waller	6	2	0	35	.333	0
Younger	1	0	1	0	.000	0

Scoring	TdR.	TdP.	Tot. Td's	P.A.T.	F.G.	Tot. Pts.
Cothren	0	0	0	38	11	71
Hirsch	0	6	6	0	0	36
Arnett	3	3	6	0	0	36
Marconi	3	1	4	0	0	24
Van Brocklin	4	0	4	0	0	24
Clarke	0	4	4	0	0	24
Wilson	3	1	4	0	0	24

1958 LOS ANGELES RAMS' ROSTER

Ends	Ht.	Wgt.	School
Bob Boyd	6-2	204	Loyola of L.A.
Leon Clarke	6-4	230	USC
Clarence Cook	6-4	215	Nebraska
Glenn Holtzman	6-3	254	No. Texas State
Lamar Lundy	6-7	235	Purdue
Paul Miller	6-2	220	Louisiana State
Billy Ray Smith	6-4	225	Arkansas
Tackles			
Bob Fry	6-4	238	Kentucky
Frank Fuller	6-4	243	Kentucky
Kline Gilbert	6-2	235	Mississippi
Art Hauser	6-0	246	Xavier
Ken Panfil	6-6	268	Purdue
George Strugar	6-5	258	Washington
Guards			
John Hock	6-2	234	Santa Clara
John Houser	6-3	230	Redlands
Duane Putnam	6-0	231	C.O.P.
Linebackers			
Dick Daugherty	6-1	223	Oregon
Bob Dougherty	6-0	234	Kentucky
Larry Morris	6-2	220	Georgia Tech
Jack Pardee	6-2	212	Texas A & M
Les Richter	6-3	248	California

Centers	Ht.	Wgt.	School
Bob Griffin	6-3	251	Arkansas
John Morrow	6-3	235	Michigan Univ.
Quarterbacks			
Bill Wade	6-2	203	Vanderbilt
Halfbacks			
Jon Arnett	5-11	194	USC
Alex Bravo	6-0	189	California Poly
Don Burroughs	6-4	186	Colorado A & M
Jesse Castette	5-11	180	McNeese State
Will Sherman	6-2	197	St. Mary's
Del Shofner	6-3	185	Baylor
Corky Taylor	5-10	180	Kansas State
Ron Waller	5-11	179	Maryland
Tom Wilson	6-0	204	No College
Fullbacks			
Paige Cothren	5-11	195	Mississippi
Joe Marconi	6-2	230	West Virginia

RAMS' 1958 DRAFT LIST

(Top Choices Listed in Order)

Lou Michaels, linebacker, Kentucky
Jim Phillips, end, Auburn
Clendon Thomas, halfback, Oklahoma
Jimmy Jones, fullback, Washington
Urban Henry, tackle, Georgia Tech
John Guzik, guard, Pittsburgh
Frank Ryan, quarterback, Rice
Francis Woidzik, tackle, Buffalo
John Baker, tackle, No. Carolina College
Floyd Iglehart, back, Wiley College
Bill Jobko, guard, Ohio State
Bob Marks, back, Texas A & M
Gene Selawski, tackle, Purdue
Albert Jacks, quarterback, Pennsylvania State
Gerald Schweitzer, end, COP
Ron Claiborne, tackle, Kansas U.
Anthony Kolodziej, end, Michigan State
William Mason, halfback, UCLA
Richard Johnston, center, Missippi Southern
Clint Westemeyer, end, St. Ambrose
William Thomas, center, Clemson
Coy Scott, tackle, McNeese State
Dick Dorsey, end, USC
George Colbert, back, Denver
Ron Parrish, quarterback, Linfield College
Bill Steiger, end, Washington State
Gary Berry, back, E. Texas State
Lawrence Harding, end, Michigan State
Bill Atkins, tackle, San Jose State
Corky Bridges, back, Central Washington
Alonzo Vereen, back, Florida A & M
Gordon Morrow, end, Michigan University
O'Jay Bourgeois, quarterback, Arizona State (T)
Walter Fondren, back, Texas University

Bear defensive line puts rush act on Ram quarterback Billy Wade at Chicago in 1957.

WESTERN DIVISION

CHICAGO BEARS

Halas, football's winningest coach, takes over his own team

By Leo Fischer
The Chicago American

MAYBE THE Chicago Bears were mighty close to being the "flop of the year" last season in the National Football League, but to the credit of those of us who picked them to win the title, you'll have to admit that they were just as close to being in the playoff for the championship.

Erase the last few minutes of the two San Francisco and Green Bay games (in which the Bears were beaten) and add three touchdowns judiciously in their last two losses to Washington and Detroit — and what have you? A first-place team. It was that close, and the principal reason why we ever-optimistic Chicago fans feel that the Halas entry will rebound to top the NFL ranks once more.

And it IS a "Halas entry." Make no mistake about that. After two years as a retired coach, owner George S. Halas is back in harness again as boss on the field, as well as in the front office. Paddy Driscoll, who won the Western Division title in his first year as head coach and then slipped to fifth last year through a combination of almost everything in the book that could go wrong, continues as administrative vice-president.

This is George's third hitch as head coach for the team he founded almost four decades ago, and he takes into the 1958 season a record of 308 victories in his 38 seasons. George "came back" from retirement the first time in 1933 (it may shock you to realize that was a quarter-century back) when the late Ralph Jones retired. His second return was in 1946 after serving three years in the Navy.

Football's winningest coach — no one in college or pro ranks even remotely approaches his record — started moving quickly after his announcement. Chuch Mather, 41, for four seasons head coach at the University of Kansas, was signed as his backfield coach. This was sensational in two respects.

Halfback Willie Galimore

Guard Stan Jones

Sensational halfback Willie Galimore cuts sharply, evading one Ram tackler, and prepares to fake his way past Del Shofner.

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Halfback J. C. Caroline

Halfback Vic Zucco

End Jack Johnson

Chuck is the first new member of the Bear coaching staff in a good many years who wasn't a retired player. Secondly, he is the first Bear coach in a long, long time who will make coaching the Bears his only job the year around.

There was immediate talk that Mather was to be Halas' heir-apparent, but George squelched that when he declared:

"That's silly. I'm going back to the head-coaching job because that move, I felt, was the best thing for me. It can't be associated with my hiring Mather in any way except that I decided he could fill a weak spot in our coaching structure. He's a dyed-in-the-wool T-formation man who also has had time to go into the split-T, and his experience should be beneficial to us.

"Most of our assistants have outside jobs and can't devote the time to football like Mather can. What happens in the future can take care of itself. Right now I'm concerned about 1958 and the Bears' new head coach — a fellow named George Halas. It's his job to get the Bears back where they belong, and that is at the top of professional football."

Maybe history will repeat itself. After Halas succeeded Jones in 1933, the Bears won the league championship. They did it again when he returned in 1946 and took over the reins from Hunk Anderson and Luke Johnson, who had been the war-time coaches.

Certainly the Bears are in better shape for this 1958 campaign then they were last season, in spite of the optimistic previews which conceded them the 1957 title. If they had come up with an offense to match their defensive play they might have lived up to these high expectations, but through injuries and just plain failure of hopeful prospects, they hit bottom so far as punch was concerned. Out of their 203 points scored in 12 league games, more than one-third came through 26 field goals by George Blanda. That gives you an idea of the lack of scoring power both through the air (just 7 TDs that way) and on the ground (23 by this route).

Every move made by the Bears since the close of the disappointing 5-7 campaign last Fall has been with a view of correcting this fault. Says Halas:

"Obviously our big job is to strengthen our attack, with emphasis on improved line blocking and greater depth at the vital left-halfback and other backfield positions. I am confident that the changes and additions we have made will not only solve these problems, but will also help our already tough defense."

George lists three important items which he feels will start the wheels turning in the powerhouse which made his Bears so fearful in the past. They are:

1. Shifting of J. C. Caroline from defense to full-time offensive play.

2. Concentrating on acquiring outstanding offensive linemen, as you will note from the draft list.

3. Developing new talent to help Rick Casares at fullback.

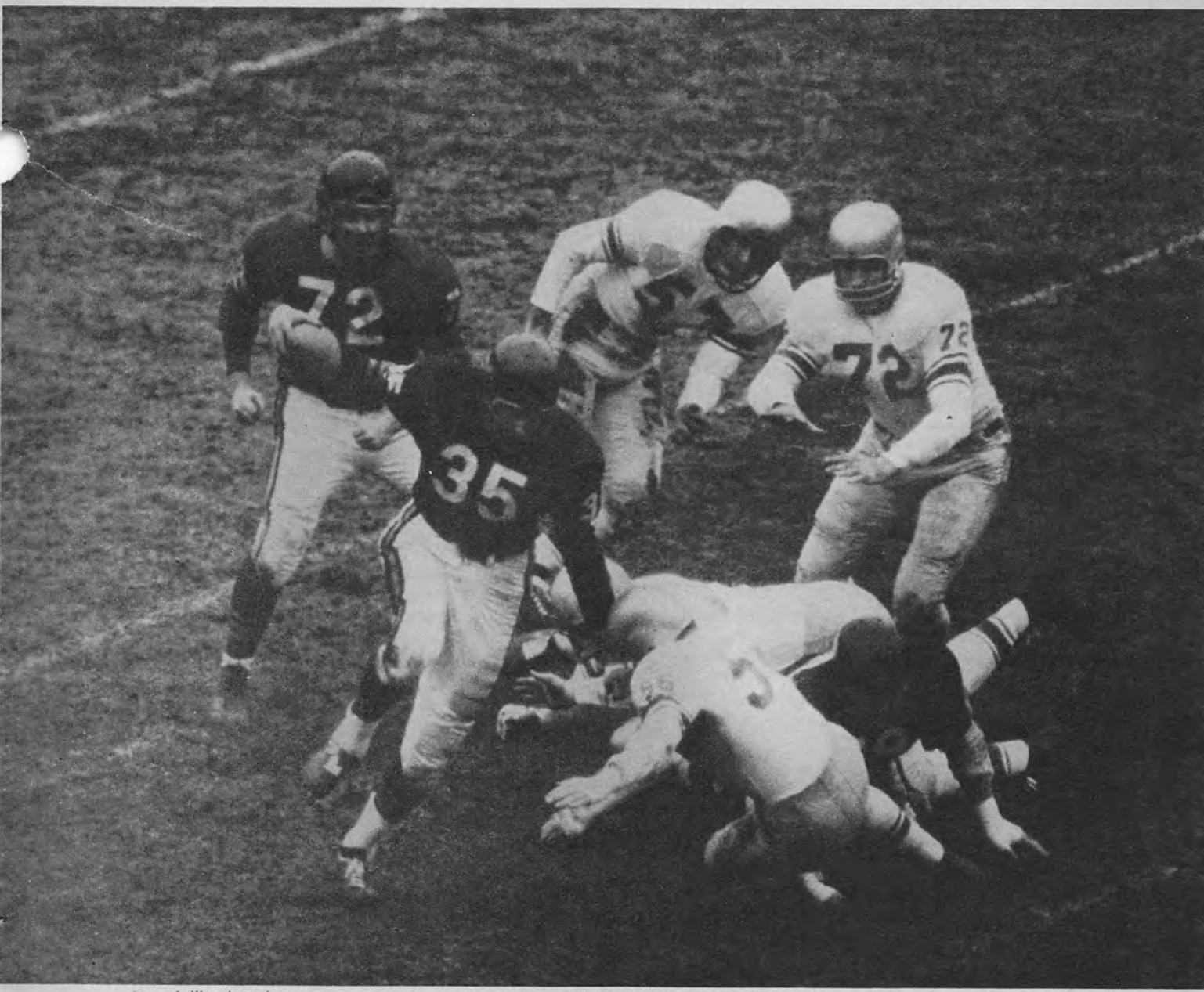
The Caroline switch could be the key to a season's success. J. C. was great on defense, but as one who watched him break all of Red Grange's records at Illinois as a sophomore back, I'd say his greatest potential is as a ball-carrier. There were times when I didn't believe anyone could be as good as he was during that season when he gained 1,670 yards in nine games.

In his two years with the Bears he has carried the ball only a few times, yet he scored the winning touchdown against the Lions in 1956 to put the Bears in the title game. Last season he caught a 33-yard pass to set up the winning touchdown in the Cardinals game. For sheer desire, no one in the NFL can equal him.

Willie Galimore, whose early-season brilliance was dimmed by injuries, will be used in spots, according to Halas. Perry Jeter and Bobby Watkins, whose injuries also made the left-halfback position sort of a jinx, likewise will be back, but Halas is counting heavily on the broad shoulders of Bo Dickinson, a 6-2, 218-pounder from Mississippi Southern.

Dickinson is a rugged ball carrier and blocker who has enough speed to provide short-yardage power at halfback and enough drive to fill in for "workhorse" Rick Casares at fullback. With so many injuries plaguing the backfield corps last season, Casares carried the ball on no less than 207 of the 457 running plays by the Bears.

The wonder of it is that he was able to gain 700 yards to finish second in ground-gaining behind Cleveland's Jimmy Brown. With the Bears offering little threat on outside plays, defenses could — and did — gang up on him. There's no telling what he'll do this fall with Caroline and others (barring injury) forcing opponents to spread their strength a bit. To say nothing of the fact that he will be able to take an occasional rest and



Bear fullback Rick Casares is seen ripping for seven yards through Detroit line before being stopped by Joe Schmidt.

also get some hefty blocks from Caroline.

Johnny Morris, a real speedster from Santa Barbara College is among the rookies counted on to add to the offense. Aubrey Lewis, Notre Dame's great halfback, is on the Bears' negotiating list, and may also join the team. Another promising fullback candidate is 202-pound Merrill Douglas from Utah.

Bill Brown and Zeke Bratkowski head the quarterback delegation, which also lists kicking specialist George Blanda and highly-publicized Ronnie Knox, who rejoined the club at the end of the season after a stormy career and a suspension. His future with the Bears is something that no one (probably including George Halas and both Ronnie and his father Harvey) can predict.

The Bears' offensive line, which left much to be desired a year ago, has been bolstered considerably. One of the big Bear pickups is 245-pound Ted Karras, who starred with the championship San Diego Marines after leaving Indiana and was rated top offensive lineman among service football teams last fall.

Dick Klein, 260-pound all-American from Iowa, is another newcomer in Bear offensive line ranks. Fred Thurston, 240-pound giant who starred with the Brooke Medical Center eleven at Fort Sam Houston after a brilliant career at Valparaiso U., is still another. Stan Jones, Larry Strickland and possibly Bill Wightkin are "interior linemen" from last season who are back for another whirl. M. L. Brackett, veteran 245-pound tackle, also is being shifted to the offensive

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line, as may be some of the other standout forwards who are making their first appearance in professional ranks.

Harlon Hill, completely recovered from the shoulder injury which benched him for the latter part of the season, should again be grabbing passes with the skill which made him the league sensation in 1956. Jim Dooley and Bill McColl also should hand in their share, while Caroline gives the backfield another sticky-fingered backfield speedster to add to Casares, Galimore and Watkins, all of whom are good receivers.

New ends include Bob Jewett, 6-2 star from Michigan State, where Coach Duffy Daugherty considered him one of the prizes of the collegiate year. He caught 14 passes in the North-South Shrine game at Miami after a tremendous season with the Spartans. Bob Carey, Rams' first draft choice in 1952, who left coaching ranks to rejoin that team two years ago, has come to the Bears in a deal for Kline Gilbert and could be a great help. Carey, 6-5, also is from Michigan State.

Willard Deuveall, the Bears' No. 2 draft choice from Southern Methodist, could be another standout end, as could also be unheralded Ralph Anderson from Los Angeles State.

Although the Bear defense was outstanding last season, the club apparently has done some strengthening in this phase, too. Perhaps their finest acquisition is Charles "Chuck" Howley, Halas' No. 1 draft selection, who is rated the best lineman to play at West Virginia since "Jumbo Joe" Stydahar. He is 21, 6-2 and weighs 230, but is still able to do the 100 in 10 seconds. He starred at guard, center and linebacking. The Bears are counting on him for this last spot to replace Wayne Hansen, who has announced his retirement.

Howley should provide a substantial addition to a group of line-backers which includes Bill George and Joe Fortunato, but may be moved to the offensive platoon if Halas feels he'd be more valuable there.

Vic Zucco and Jack Johnson, two 1957 rookies who sparked a defense that held opponents to an average scrimmage gain of 3.3 yards, again will be on hand. So will Charley Sumner, called into service after showing brilliance as a pass-defense specialist in 1955. He has been playing football the past two years with military teams, however, and is ready to resume where he left off.

Jesse Whittenton, acquired from the Rams in the Gilbert deal, Bill Murphy of Fresno State and possibly Aubrey Lewis are others who could help the already potent defense. Plus, of course, some of the old reliables like Fred Williams, Doug Atkins, Earl Leggett, Bill Bishop, Bill George, Jack Hoffman, Stan Wallace, and a few other rugged characters who make life miserable for opponents with ideas of going places via ground or air. Wayne Hansen, retiring to take a coaching job, will be missed, of course, but the Bears still will be tough defensively—perhaps more so than ever.

What does it all add up to? Owner George Halas, after conferring with Coach George Halas, comes up with this optimistic view:

"The Bears will be a better ball club in every respect. We will be improved both on offense and defense. We will have enough depth so that some of our regulars won't have to play three and even four positions, and we will also have enough reserve strength to counteract injuries far more than we did last season."

Halas, whose team gave football the man in motion and made the T-formation the game's most popular offensive style, also promises some innovations for this coming season. Mather's ingenuity, proved through his successful seasons at Massillon, O. Washington high school (where he won 57 of 60 in six years) and at Kansas (where he finished second last season to Oklahoma) should reflect itself in the Bears' offense.

"We've been toying with new ideas for next season," Halas declares. "I'm sure we'll come up with a few innovations, although I feel that our improvement will be due to better personnel rather than any earth-shaking developments.

"We're going to need all the improvement we've got, too. I'd say that the entire league from top to bottom in both divisions is vastly improved over last season — and if you thought the race was close in 1957, just wait until you see what happens this Fall."

There's no question about it. Every team is optimistic — and like the Bears, each coach feels that his club has added just the proper ingredients to eliminate last season's weak spots.

1957 REGULAR SEASON RESULTS

Green Bay 21, Bears 17
Baltimore 21, Bears 10
San Francisco 21, Bears 17
Bears 34, Los Angeles 26
San Francisco 21, Bears 17
Bears 16, Los Angeles 10
Bears 21, Green Bay 14
Baltimore 29, Bears 14
Bears 27, Detroit 7
Washington 14, Bears 3
Bears 14, Cardinals 6
Detroit 21, Bears 13

1958 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

Sept. 28 — at Green Bay
Oct. 4 — at Baltimore
Oct. 12 — San Francisco
Oct. 19 — Los Angeles
Oct. 26 — at San Francisco
Nov. 2 — at Los Angeles
Nov. 9 — Green Bay
Nov. 16 — Baltimore
Nov. 23 — at Detroit
Nov. 30 — at Pittsburgh
Dec. 7 — Cardinals
Dec. 14 — Detroit

Again it will be the kind of a race in which the breaks, plus injuries, will determine the winners. The Bears should be in the thick of it. Whether they can top Detroit and Baltimore in their division remains to be seen. Both of these contenders have enough seasoned talent to offset the potential of the Bear newcomers, good as they are — and for this reason I'm picking Coach Halas to finish a strong second, with one or the other barely beating his club out. Detroit, probably—although, as usual the season will come down to the finale with the division title hinging on the outcome of the Bears-Lions game.

And don't be surprised if this time the Bears win it — regardless of how we pick 'em. ■

CHICAGO BEARS' FINAL STATISTICS—1957

	Bears	Opp.
First Downs Rushing	82	68
First Downs Passing	92	96
First downs Penalties	14	21
Total First Downs	188	185
Yards Rushing	1686	1383
Yards Passing	1758	1733
Total Yards Gained	3454	3116
Passes attempted	286	303
Passes Completed	130	153
Percent Completions	45.5	50.0
Passes Had Intercepted	28	15
Punts	63	76
Average distance	38.8	—
Number of Penalties	63	—
Yards Penalized	614	—
Fumbles	25	22
Own Fumbles Recovered	10	15
Touchdowns, Total	23	27
Touchdowns, Passing	7	—
Touchdowns, Running	16	—
Extra Point Attempts	23	27
Extra Points Made	23	25
Field Goal Attempts	26	—
Field Goals Made	14	8
Total Points	203	211

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	Ret. Avg.	Long.	TD
Drzewiecki	22	64	2.9	11	0
Zucco	11	58	5.3	25	0
Caroline	6	20	3.3	10	0
Jeter	2	3	1.5	3	0
Smith	2	1	0.5	1	0

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds.	Ret. Avg.	Long.	TD
Drzewiecki	13	315	24.2	53	0
Zucco	8	224	28.0	73	0
Galimore	5	150	28.0	47	0
Caroline	4	77	19.3	23	0
Jeter	3	62	20.7	28	0
Brackett	3	5	1.7	3	0
Damore	1	7	7.0	7	0
Williams	1	6	6.0	6	0
Casares	1	0	0.0	0	0

Punting	No.	Avg.	Long.	Blkd.
Brown	34	40.1	62	1
Bratkowski	16	38.6	52	0
Casares	2	33.5	41	0

Ground Gaining	Att.	Yds.	Long.	Avg.	TD
Casares	204	700	25	3.4	6
Gallimore	127	538	67	4.2	5
Watkins	57	212	19	3.7	1
Brown	31	129	31	4.2	1
Bratkowski	12	83	24	6.9	0
Drzewiecki	5	11	6	2.2	0
Jeter	10	11	7	1.1	0
Smith	1	8	8	8.0	0
Hill	2	7	8	3.5	0
Caroline	1	1	1	1.0	0
Blanda	5	−5	0	0.0	1
Fortunato	2	−9	0	0.0	1

Pass Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long.	TD
Dooley	37	530	14.3	32	1
Casares	25	225	9.0	43	0
Hill	21	483	23.0	53	2
McColl	19	282	14.8	30	1
Galimore	15	201	13.4	56	2
Watkins	3	90	30.0	74	1
Smith	3	37	12.3	21	0
Jeter	2	9	4.5	11	0
Caroline	1	33	33.0	33	0
Drzewiecki	1	7	7.0	7	0

Interceptions	No.	Yds.	Ret. TD	Long.	Avg.
Johnson	4	36	0	20	9.0
Zucco	3	20	0	14	6.7
Moore	2	28	0	20	14.0
Wallace	2	23	0	21	11.5
Caroline	2	22	0	20	11.0
Hansen	1	34	0	34	34.0
Smith	1	22	0	22	22.0

Scoring	TD	Xpts	XpM	Fg	FgA	Tot. Pts.
Blanda	1	23	0	14	26	74
Galimore	7	0	0	0	0	42
Casares	6	0	0	0	0	36
Hill	2	0	0	0	0	12
Watkins	2	0	0	0	0	12
Brown	1	0	0	0	0	6
Dooley	1	0	0	0	0	6
Fortunato	1	0	0	0	0	6
McColl	1	0	0	0	0	6
Zucco	1	0	0	0	0	6

Forward Passing	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs.	Long.	Inter.	Avg. Gain
Brown	185	84	45.4	1321	6	74	16	7.14
Bratkowski	80	37	46.3	527	1	44	9	6.59
Blanda	19	8	42.1	65	0	13	3	3.42
Casares	2	1	50.0	32	0	32	0	16.00

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Centers	Ht.	Wt.	School
John Damore	6-1	228	Northwestern
Larry Strickland	6-4	215	North Texas
Guards			
Bill George	6-2½	235	Wake Forest
Stanley Jones	6-1	255	Maryland
Fred Thurston	6-0	240	Valparaiso
Charles Howley	6-2	220	West Virginia
Tackles			
Bill Bishop	6-4	245	North Texas
M. L. Brackett	6-5	248	Auburn
Willie Lee	6-3½	235	Florida A & M
Earl Leggett	6-3	255	Louisiana State
Bill Wightkin	6-3	235	Notre Dame
Fred Williams	6-4	245	Arkansas
Don Healey	6-3	240	Maryland
Dick Klein	6-4	260	Iowa
Ted Karras	6-1	245	Indiana
Ends			
Doug Atkins	6-8	255	Tennessee
Jim Dooley	6-4	198	Miami U.
Bob Carey	6-5	220	Michigan State
Harlon Hill	6-3	198	Florence Teachers
Jack Johnson	6-3	195	Miami U.
Jack Hoffman	6-5	235	Xavier
Bob Jewett	6-2	197	Michigan State
Dick Lucas	6-2	206	Boston College
Willard Deuveall	6-4	200	So. Methodist
Ed Cook	6-4	235	Maryland
Ralph Anderson	6-4	225	Los Angeles State

Quarterbacks	Ht.	Wt.	School
George Blanda	6-2	207	Kentucky
Zeke Bratkowski	6-2½	203	Georgia
Ed Brown	6-2	205	San Francisco
Ronnie Knox	6-1½	198	UCLA
Halfbacks			
J. C. Caroline	6-1	190	Illinois
Willie Galimore	6-1	190	Florida A & M
Perry Jeter	5-7½	178	California Poly
Johnny Morris	6-0	190	Santa Barbara
Bill Murphy	6-3	198	Fresno State
Stan Wallace	6-2	207	Illinois
Bobby Watkins	5-9½	195	Ohio State
Jesse Whittenton	6-2	185	West Texas
Erich Barnes	6-3	197	Purdue
Vic Zucco	6-0	187	Michigan State
Aubrey Lewis	6-0	200	Notre Dame
Charley Sumner	6-1	195	William and Mary
Fullbacks			
Rick Casares	6-2½	225	Florida
Joe Fortunato	6-0	225	Miss. Southern
Bo Dickinson	6-2	218	Miss. State
Merrill Douglas	6-2	202	Utah

BEARS' 1958 DRAFT LIST

(Top Choices Listed in Order)

Charles Howley, guard, West Virginia
Willard Deauveall, end, So. Methodist
Ed Cooke, end, Maryland
Don Healy, tackle, Maryland
Erich Barnes, halfback, Purdue
Robert Jewett, end, Michigan State
Merrill Douglas, fullback, Utah
Gene Dentley, back, Texas Tech
Ed Rutsch, tackle, George Washington
Ralph Anderson, end, Los Angeles State
Aubrey Lewis, back, Notre Dame
Rocco Cinelli, tackle, Wisconsin
John Morris, back, Santa Barbara State
William Melnik, tackle, Army
James Harryman, back, Compton Jr. College
Kenneth Pleger, center, Capital University
Richard Eaton, center, Richmond
Phil Dupler, back, Duke
William Reehnelt, guard, Bradley
William Chancey, end, West Virginia
Les Rutledge, tackle, Michigan State
Bill Miller, tackle, N. Mexico Highlands
Al Carter, back, Tennessee
Ken Dow, back, Sam Houston State
Russ Moon, tackle, Virginia Tech
Robert Barron, center, St. Norbert
Robert Lyles, back, Memphis State
Ben Napolski, end, Northwestern
Wilbur Main, back, Maryland
Glen Hakes, center, New Mexico
Bobby Hallun, back, Mid-Tennessee State

THERE'S A BRAND NEW chip on Green Bay's shoulder this season — and it won't be knocked off easily.

This could be as good a year as the greatest little city in pro football has had since 1947 when Curley Lambeau last turned out a team that won more games than it lost.

It's not going to be a championship year, of course. That's too much to expect after all that's happened. But it could be a winner — a year in which Green Bay will have a lot more than a token place in the race.

The years since 1947 have been bitter along the Fox. From the high estate of six championship teams and consistent contenders, going back to the very beginnings as a league team in 1921, the club slowly slipped into the bogs of the second division and stayed there.

The old chip was always on the shoulder, of course, for Green Bay is proud. But the old chip meant little. Everybody knocked it off and everybody enjoyed knocking it off. The record for the decade was the worst in the league — 36 victories, 83 defeats and one tie.

This now not only could be a distinctly different year, this could be the beginning of a distinctly different decade. There's a new chip on the shoulder.

Almost everything about the club now suggests something else and something better: a new coach with the inevitable resurgence of enthusiasm that accompanies a change; a good nucleus from last year's team which was really a

WESTERN DIVISION

PACKERS

Green Bay carrying brand new chip on shoulder

By Oliver Kuechle
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Fullback Howie Ferguson (also seen on opposite page) lowers the boom in Forty-Niner game.

better club than its 3-9 record suggests; a promising draft list; a small windfall of returning service veterans; and a few vital trades.

The new coach is Ray (Scooter) McLean, a little balding Scotchman who played his college football at St. Anselms in the hills of New Hampshire in the late thirties and his professional ball with the Chicago Bears in their glory years of the early forties. He has dug in with a will since the winter night in January that he was tapped on the shoulder to succeed Lisle Blackbourn.

In his first job he revamped the coaching staff and he revamped it almost completely. He got Ray Richards, late head coach of the Chicago Cardinals, to handle the defense; Nick Skorich of the Pittsburgh Steelers to coach the line; and Breezy Reid, a Packer veteran of seven years, to work with the backfield. Only Jack Morton of the old staff remained after McLean finished.

The nucleus of a team that won only three games and lost nine last year may seem a little deceiving at first as a source of new muscles or sinews now. Since when does a loser beget a winner? It is a good nucleus, though. The Packers of 1957 were a much better club than their record showed. It's the record of '57 that deceives.

Billy Howton of the Packers and Del Shofner of the Rams fight it out for pass in the end zone.

PACKERS

Injuries ruined the Packers a year ago — an absolutely unholy run of injuries, after they had won the first five of their exhibitions and tied the sixth and had whipped the Bears in the league opener. Few teams have ever suffered through a season of broken bones, torn cartilages and twisted ankles as they — and broken bones, torn cartilages and twisted ankles to key personnel.

Guard Joe Skibinski broke his leg. Halfback Paul Hornung twisted his ankle. Center Mike Hudak broke his leg. Linebacker Tom Bettis tore a cartilage. Corner back Sam Palumbo broke his leg. End Gary Knafelc tore a cartilage. End Nate Borden broke his arm. Fullback Howie Ferguson smashed his hip. And guard Jim Salsbury sprained his ankle. Each was out anywhere from two to 12 games.

The nucleus also includes, of course, more than those injured a year ago, for the Packers, while in one piece, showed enough to mean to escape from the bogs right then. There were men like Bill Howton and Bart Starr, Dave Hanner and Don McIlhenny, Bobby Dillon and Al Carmichael, and Bill Forester and Jim Ringo, with shoulders to the wheel. It was only after injuries had stricken others that these found the job too much. They, too, will be back.

How much the draftees will contribute remains to be seen. There's a strong feeling though, that Green Bay's this year will mean as much as any other club's — and probably more.

It wasn't much of a draft year. The picking last December was slim. Yet Green Bay came up with 240 pound guard Dan Currie of Michigan State, a 'can't miss' guy; 205 pound halfback Jim Taylor of Louisiana State; 190 pound halfback Dick Christy of North Carolina State; 220 pound fullback Ray Nitschke of Illinois; 240 pound tackle Jerry Kramer of Idaho; and 195 pound halfback Joe Francis of Oregon. Where, in the first five or six at least, was there a better draft?

Perhaps the happiest of all of the influences to make this the beginning of a new decade comes from the military, for the club for the first time in years will get more men out of the service than it puts in — if it puts in any at all.

Bob Boyd of Rams fumbles after catching a pass. Hovering and ready to pounce on ball are Packers John Petitbon, Billy Kinard.

End Billy Howton.

Halfback Al Carmichael.

Halfback Veryl Switzer, tackle Forest Gregg and guard Hank Bullough, all regulars before Uncle Sam crooked a finger at them, will be back to help again.

The trades have done the rest in this bright new outlook. McLean felt his prime need might be tackles, defensive tackles, so he got 270 pound veteran Ray Krouse from the Detroit Lions for a high draft choice and 250 pound J. D. Kimmel, along with end Steve Meilinger, from the Washington Redskins for defensive halfback Doyle Nix and John Petitbon. If Petitbon decides not to play as he has said he might, a draft choice will be substituted for him.

Basically, McLean will go with the same offense the club used last year, and that means he will be in step with the rest of the league for standardization has just about become the rule. Almost all use the "slot" with variations.

There will be a bit of variety, though. "The defense is catching up again." So McLean will introduce a few wide spreads to utilize most effectively the good pass catching ability of the club, and a bit of single wing which he thinks his personnel will lend itself to.

And since last year's wholesale injuries left a scar in his thinking, he'll have a lot more two way players — men who'll learn more than one position. "We're not going to be caught short again like last year."

The little Scot makes no championship claims, of course — he least of all — but he does expect a better club in the standings. How much better he leaves you guess. A 6-6 season in the always tough Western Division might be as good as any, or possibly a 7-5 — and a 7-5, of course would be better than anything the team has done since Lambeau's team of 1947 won six, lost five and tied one.

The specific problems McLean must deal with when he assembles his squad at St. Norbert College at De Pere, Wis., July 27 involved both offense and defense. On defense they are principally in the line; on offense in the line and backfield both.

The defensive line, injured as it was, was punctured badly at times last year, and the statistics show it. Green Bay allowed 2159 yards rushing and no other club had worse. There must obviously be a tightening up. And "line" means exactly that. The linebackers and defensive secondary generally did their job well enough.

McLean thinks he will get the help he needs first from the new men and then from some of the shifts he has in mind.

At ends last year, the club went largely with Borden, Temp and Massey. There wasn't enough defensive versatility in them. To achieve it, veterans Hanner, Masters or Vereen will be moved over from tackle and rookies Mike Bill of Syracuse (a center in college) and Ken Gray of Howard Payne (a tackle in college) will get thorough trials. The position could continue something of a soft spot, but McLean has hope.

At the tackles a year ago, the club went almost solely with Hanner and Helluin. The situation wasn't good. Helluin particularly was a disappointment. Here, though, the trades for Kimmel and Krouse must help.

In addition there are rookies Dan Currie; Ed Culpepper of Alabama, hurt in camp a year ago who wants to try again; Bob Haynes of Sam Houston and Jerry Kramer. Kramer, like Currie, has the label of 'can't miss' although he may be used largely as an offensive guard. The positions is sure to be improved.

And at middle guard a year ago, the club went with Palumbo and Ernie Danjean. They weren't the league's best at their jobs but they weren't the worst, either. Again Currie's name bobs up in speculation over where help might be obtained. So does rookie Ray Nitschke's.

Currie's versatility is amazing. Duff Daugherty, who coached him his three years at college, said he wouldn't hesitate to play him anywhere in the line on offense or defense — center, guard, tackle, end. As a matter of fact, Currie was a two way center for two seasons at Michigan State and a two way guard his last.

Nitschke, a quarterback in high school, was one of Illinois' rugged bul-

warks through three years – 220 pounds of it. Wisconsin coaches felt he was one of the toughest men they had to face last year.

The rest of the defense a year ago was adequate and should be again even though Nix and Petitbon have been traded.

Bettis and Forester, linebackers, can do a good job, and they'll have the help of Nitschke, Neil Habig of Purdue, who could be a surprise, Esker Harris of UCLA or possibly Mike Bill or Massey.

The corner backs pose no problem with Gremminger, Switzer, Kinnard, all veterans, and rookie Francis. They're pinning quite a bit of hope on Francis.

Nor do the deep men create furrows. Dillon, though a bit fragile, and Symank did a good job last year. Francis might be worked in here, too.

It cannot help but be a tighter defense this year with the help the club has obtained up front.

On offense, of course, the first concern is quarterback Starr on whom a tremendous load was dropped last year when veteran Tobin Rote was traded to the Lions. A year ago, Starr was the typical rookie, for though it was his second year in the league, he played so little his first with Rote around.

Starr passed well enough a year ago with 117 completions in 215 attempts for 1489 yards and eight touchdowns and had only 10 interceptions which wasn't too bad. There was a feeling at times, though, that he could not carry the club home from inside the 20 – and twice among other things, the Packers failed to score on four downs from the one yard line. Those, by the way, were the year's low spots.

Inexperience? Maybe. A weakness in the offensive line? Maybe. A lack of good hard running backs with Ferguson and Hornung both injured so much? Perhaps.

At any rate, the club so often bogged down with the goal only a few steps away.

Starr is the hope today and McLean has confidence. "You don't make a quarterback in a year."

A few things certainly can be said for Starr. He does have a good head. He does throw well. He has poise. He could very well in this third year become the quarterback McLean expects he can be.

Babe Parilli will be distinctly second string except in single wing situations in which his faking ability and desire to run will be used. Paul Brown gave up on him a year ago when he sent him back to Green Bay but McLean hasn't.

Francis, who used to pass from the single wing, and 200 pound Doug Maison of little Hillsdale college, a possible sleeper, complete the quarterback corps.

The rest of the backfield should have a lot more depth and better running punch. A year ago, the club went principally with McIlhenny, Carmichael, Hornung, Ferguson. To help this year will be Switzer, Taylor, Christy, Frank Purnell, obtained last year from the Browns, Nitschke, and the little All American from St. Norberts – Norm Jaroch. And remember Jaroch's name. He could be a real surprise. In the league in which he played his college ball, he was a 195 pound sensation.

There's no question the Packers in recent years have needed running strength. The battering Ferguson has had little help. He could have it this year. Hornung promised to provide it last year, but after breaking in, he was hurt and was never himself again. McIlhenny has speed and balance. And Switzer, before he went into the army, was one of the league's fine rookies.

There'll be depth at the slot. Kramer, after surgery on his knee, Meilinger, obtained from Washington, Switzer, Massey and Johnson all will have a crack at the role with Kramer, Meilinger and Switzer the most likely men to take over.

The offensive line must be stronger if only because of such men who weren't around last year – Meilinger who will also be used at end, Gregg and Bullough out of service, and rookies Kramer, Currie, Habig and Hudak. Hudak broke his leg in camp of the College All Stars and sat out the year, of course.

The ends have better than average pass catching skill with Gary Knafelc, Bill Howton, Max McGee and Meilinger. There was never any problem here.

And the tackles will certainly have depth they didn't have last year with Gregg and Kramer to help Masters, Vereen, Spencer – and Temp. Temp, a 240 pound end, will be used at tackle this year in one of the switches McLean has in mind. And, oh yes, Hanner and Salsbury, too, for McLean is going all the way with his two way idea. Hanner played only a defensive tackle last year; Salsbury only an offensive guard.

And the guards, too, will have new depth with Bullough, Kramer and Clyde Ledbetter, the last named a rookie, to go with last year's Amundsen, Barry, and Salsbury. And there'll be Bettis too, only a linebacker last year, and Gregg and Skibinski.

Center especially will be strengthened. A year ago, Jim Ringo carried almost all of the load with Larry Lauer as relief. Ringo will have much more support this year with Hudak, Currie and Habig around. Even Palumbo might break in here for he played center in high school.

So the chip is back on Green Bay's shoulder, and it cannot be taken lightly. The defense definitely should be improved, and the offense should be, too, and if injuries do not descend on the club as last year, Green Bay under a new coach and with new enthusiam could develop into one of the real trouble makers in the league.

The club this year will play only two games in Milwaukee, instead of the customary three, and four games in Green Bay where a new 32,500 seat stadium was opened last year. A year ago, the club sold 23,000 season tickets for the games in Green Bay. The advance sale now indicates it will be close to 25,000 or 26,000 this year. ■

1957 REGULAR SEASON RESULTS

Green Bay 14, Detroit 24
Green Bay 17, Baltimore 45
Green Bay 14, San Francisco 24
Green Bay 24, Baltimore 21
Green Bay 17, Giants 31
Green Bay 14, Bears 21
Green Bay 27, Los Angeles 31
Green Bay 27, Pittsburgh 10
Green Bay 6, Detroit 18
Green Bay 17, Los Angeles 42
Green Bay 20, San Francisco 27

1958 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

Sept. 28, Bears at Green Bay
Oct. 5, Lions at Green Bay
Oct. 12, Colts at Milwaukee
Oct. 19, Redskins at Washington
Oct. 26, Eagles at Green Bay
Nov. 2, Colts at Baltimore
Nov. 9, Bears at Chicago
Nov. 16, Rams at Green Bay
Nov. 23, 49'ers at Milwaukee
Nov. 27, Lions at Detroit
Dec. 7, 49'ers at San Francisco

GREEN BAY PACKERS' FINAL STATISTICS—1957

	Packers	Opponents
Total First Downs	146	180
First Downs Rushing	62	91
First Downs Passing	74	77
First Downs Penalties	13	12
Net Yardage	2726	3265
Yards Passing	1613	1645
Yards Rushing	1284	1724
Passes Attempted	268	257
Passes Completed	126	121
Passes Intercepted by	30	16
Number of Punts	52	48
Average Distance	42.3	42.4
Penalties	35	61
Opponents Fumbles Recovered	14	15

Score by Quarters

Packers	30	99	7	82	218
Opponents	72	61	84	94	311

Punting	No.	Avg.
Dick Deschaine	63	42.0

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Al Carmichael	32	686	21.4
Bill Forester	4	57	14.3
Fred Cone	4	59	14.8
Don McIlhenny	14	362	25.9
Max McGee	1	11	11.0

Rushing	Att.	Yds. G.	Avg.
Paul Hornung	60	325	5.4
Don McIlhenny	100	394	3.94
Fred Cone	53	135	2.5
Howie Ferguson	59	217	3.7
Al Carmichael	37	118	3.2
Bart Starr	31	98	3.1
Babe Parilli	24	83	3.4
Joe Johnson	2	6	3.0
Frank Purnell	5	22	4.4

Pass Receiving	No.	Yds. G.	TD
Bill Howton	38	727	5
Ron Kramer	28	324	0
Gary Knafelc	9	164	2
Max McGee	17	273	1
Al Carmichael	13	184	0
Paul Hornung	6	34	0
Don McIlhenny	18	210	2
Howie Ferguson	15	107	1
Fred Cone	4	30	0
Frank Purnell	2	16	0
Joe Johnson	7	75	1

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Al Carmichael	25	190	7.6
Billy Kinard	3	19	6.3
Johns Symank	2	0	0.0
Joe Johnson	4	39	10.0

Passing	Atts.	Comp.	Yds. G.	TDF	LP	Int.	% Comp.	Avg.
Bart Starr	215	117	1489	8	77	10	54.4	6.93
Babe Parilli	102	39	669	4	75	12	38.2	6.56
Paul Hornung	6	1	−1	0	0	0	16.7	0.00

Scoring	TDR	TDP	TTD	XP	EPM	FG	FGA	TP
Fred Cone	2	0	2	26	0	12	17	74
Bill Howton	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	30
Paul Hornung	3	0	3	0	0	0	2	18
Don McIlhenny	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	18
Gary Knafelc	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	12
Bart Starr	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	18
Babe Parilli	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	12
Al Carmichael	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Bobby Dillon	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Howie Ferguson	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	12
Joe Johnson	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6
Max McGee	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6

1958 GREEN BAY PACKERS' ROSTER

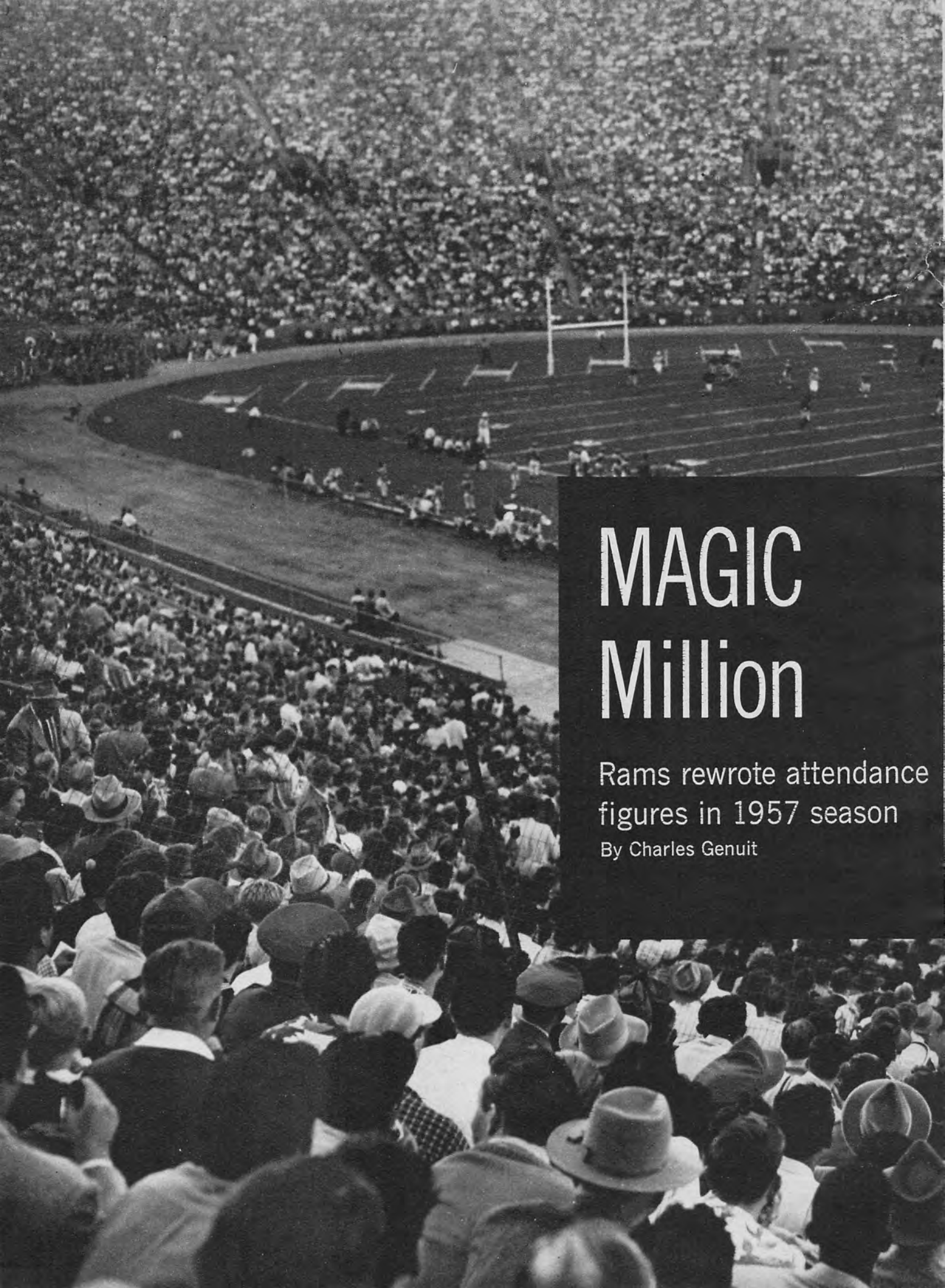
Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
Amundsen, Norm	G	5-11	240	Wisconsin
Barry, Al	G	6-2	235	USC
Bettis, Tom	G-LB	6-2	235	Purdue
Bill, Mike	G-LB	6-3	225	Syracuse
Borden, Nate	Def. E	6-0	235	Indiana
Bullough, Hank	G	6-2	235	Michigan State
Carmichael, Al	HB	6-0	190	USC
Christy, Dick	HB	5-10	190	North Carolina St.
Cook, Ernest	E	6-2	205	Toledo
Culpepper, Ed	Def. T	6-1	260	Alabama
Currie, Dan	C-LB	6-3	235	Michigan State
Danjean, Ernest	G-LB	6-0	230	Auburn
Dare, Howie	Def. HB	6-1	185	Maryland
Deschaine, Dick	E	6-2	220	No College
Dillon, Bobby	Def. HB	6-1	180	Texas
Dubose, John	HB	5-11	195	Trinity (Texas)
Ferguson, Howie	FB-HB	6-2	220	No College
Forester, Bill	G-LB	6-3	235	SMU
Francis, Joe	HB	6-1	195	Oregon State
Gregg, Forrest	G-T	6-3½	245	SMU
Gremminger, Hank	Def. HB	6-1	195	Baylor
Gray, Ken	G-Def. E	6-2	235	Howard Payne
Habig, Neil	C-LB	6-0	220	Purdue
Hanner, Dave	Def. T	6-2	250	Arkansas
Harris, Esker	G-LB	6-2	210	UCLA
Haynes, Bob	Def. T	6-3	235	Sam Houston State
Helluin, Jerry	Def. T	6-2	265	Tulane
Hornung, Paul	FB	6-2	220	Notre Dame
Horton, Harry	Def. E	6-3	225	Wichita
Howton, Bill	E	6-2	190	Rice
Hudock, Mike	C	6-2	240	Miami (Fla.)
Jarock, Norm	HB	6-0	190	St. Norbert's
Johnson, Joe	HB	6-0	190	Boston College

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
Kimmel, J. D.	Def. T	6-4	250	Houston
Kinard, Billy	Def. HB	6-0	185	Mississippi
Knafelc, Gary	E	6-4	215	Colorado
Kramer, Jerry	G	6-3	235	Idaho
Krouse, Ray	Def. T	6-3	270	Maryland
Lance, Bobby	Def. HB	6-1	190	Florida
Lauer, Larry	C	6-3	235	Alabama
Letbetter, Clyde	G	6-2	225	Baylor
Maggard, Dick	FB	5-10	210	College of Idaho
Maison, Doug	QB	6-3	200	Hillsdale College
Massey, Carlton	E-LB	6-4	220	Texas
Masters, Norm	T	6-2	245	Michigan State
McGee, Max	E	6-2	205	Tulane
McIlhenny, Don	HB	6-0	200	SMU
Meilinger, Steve	E	6-2	230	Kentucky
Miller, Earl Wayne	Def. HB & E	6-2	195	Baylor
Nitschke, Ray	LB-FB	6-3	220	Illinois
Palumbo, Sam	C-LB	6-2	235	Notre Dame
Parilli, Vito "Babe"	QB	6-1	190	Kentucky
Peters, John	G	6-2	230	Houston
Plenty, Larry	LB-FB	6-1	210	Boston College
Purnell, Frank	FB	6-0	230	Alcorn A & M
Reese, Joe	E	6-3	200	Arkansas Tech
Ringo, Jim	C	6-1	230	Syracuse
Salsbury, Jim	G	6-0	235	UCLA
Skibinski, Joe	G	5-11	235	Purdue
Spencer, Oliver	T	6-2	250	Kansas
Starr, Bart	QB	6-1	200	Alabama
Switzer, Veryl	HB	5-11	195	Kansas St.
Symank, John	Def. HB	5-11	180	Florida
Taylor, Jim	FB	6-0	205	LSU
Temp, Jim	Def. E & T	6-4	235	Wisconsin
Vereen, Carl	T	6-6	250	Georgia Tech

PACKERS' 1958 DRAFT LIST

(Top Choices Listed in Order)

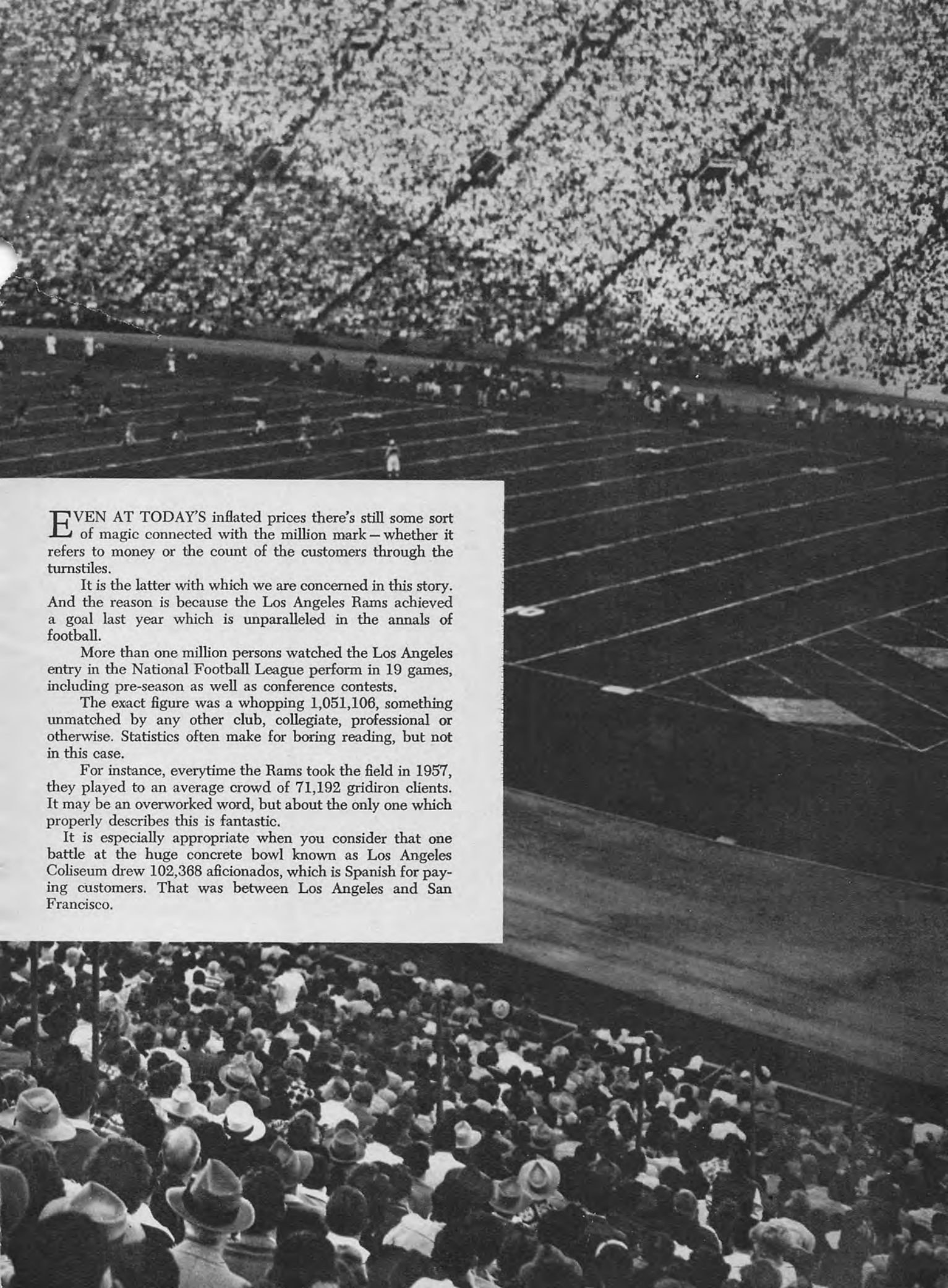
Currie, Dan, center, Michigan State
Taylor, Jim, fullback, Louisiana State
Christy, Dick, halfback, No. Carolina State
Nitschke, Ray, fullback, Ilinois
Kramer, Jerry, guard, Idaho
Francis, Joe, halfback, Oregon State
Gray, Ken, tackle, Howard Payne College
Maison, Doug, quarterback, Hillsdale
Bill, Mike, center, Syracuse
Jarock, Norm, halfback, St. Norbert
Johnson, Carl, tackle, Illinois
Horton, Harry, end, Wichita
Miller, Wayne, end, Baylor
Cook, Gene, End, Toledo
Hauffe, Harry, tackle, South Dakota
Newell, Tom, halfback, Drake
Finley, Arley, tackle, Georgia Tech
Reese, Joe, end, Arkansas Tech
Strid, Charles, guard, Syracuse
Duboise, John, halfback, Trinity College
Kershner, Jerry, tackle, Oregon
Maggard, Dick, halfback, Idaho
Ashton, Jack, guard, South Carolina
Jereck, John, tackle, Detroit U.
Plenty, Larry, halfback, Boston College
Harris, Esker, guard, UCLA
Habig, Neil, center, Purdue
Crowell, Dave, guard, Washington State
Haynes, Robert, tackle, Sam Houston College
Peters, John, guard, Houston



MAGIC Million

Rams rewrote attendance figures in 1957 season

By Charles Genuit



EVEN AT TODAY'S inflated prices there's still some sort of magic connected with the million mark – whether it refers to money or the count of the customers through the turnstiles.

It is the latter with which we are concerned in this story. And the reason is because the Los Angeles Rams achieved a goal last year which is unparalleled in the annals of football.

More than one million persons watched the Los Angeles entry in the National Football League perform in 19 games, including pre-season as well as conference contests.

The exact figure was a whopping 1,051,106, something unmatched by any other club, collegiate, professional or otherwise. Statistics often make for boring reading, but not in this case.

For instance, everytime the Rams took the field in 1957, they played to an average crowd of 71,192 gridiron clients. It may be an overworked word, but about the only one which properly describes this is fantastic.

It is especially appropriate when you consider that one battle at the huge concrete bowl known as Los Angeles Coliseum drew 102,368 aficionados, which is Spanish for paying customers. That was between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

. . . the word is fantastic! Los Angeles played

And if there had been more pews in the Coliseum, the total would have been at last 10,000 greater. It was estimated that at least that many were turned away on the day of the game.

Actually, the Rams smashed every attendance record last year. Categorically, here are the marks they set:

Total attendance (19 games, pre-season and league) — 1,051,106.

Home Game Total (10 games, 4 pre-season and 6 league) — 711,924.

League Game Total (6 games) — 455,766.

Largest single game total — 102,368.

Average Attendance Home Games (10) — 71,192.

Average Attendance League Games (6) — 74,296.

And it should be pointed out that these figures were established by a so-so club which finished the season .500 in the final standings, winning six and losing the same amount.

The Rams not only caught fire at home, but on the road as well. They performed before sell-out crowds in San Francisco, Chicago and Detroit. And they played before the largest crowd ever to see a professional football game in Baltimore (52,600).

It was not by accident this success story was written into the books. It was by design, and the lion's share of the credit should go to Daniel F. Reeves, president of the organization.

Dapper Dan entered professional football way back in 1941 when he teamed up with Fred Levy, Jr., and purchased the Cleveland club. Levy had a third interest and the remainder belonged to Reeves. They paid a million dollars for the franchise.

Much to his dismay, Reeves soon discovered the Clevelanders were not exactly ardent professional football fans. The team was establishing attendance marks represented by empty seats.

In fact, 20,000 was considered a huge crowd. It wasn't uncommon to find as few as 5000 on hand and a 10,000 average for the year is slightly on the generous side.

Reeves and Levy went into the service, the former winding up a captain and the latter a colonel. They were on a winning side, but not their Rams. They were not only losing games, but also money. This, even to a multi-millionaire like Dan, was a distressing turn of events.

But in 1945 the Rams snapped out of it, perhaps because a rookie quarterback by the name of Bob Waterfield, fresh out of UCLA, pitched the Rams to the championship.

Even with a title club, the customers stayed away from Cleveland games in droves. Naturally, Reeves was disappointed, so much so he decided to take drastic action. He would move the club to some other city.

This is a rather fascinating bit of gridiron history because of several situations which exist in Los Angeles. A number of roadblocks were thrown up by the colleges to prevent the Rams from moving to the City of the Angels.

There was no journalistic campaign to bring a major league grid outfit to Los Angeles such as the one which resulted in the Brooklyn Dodger shifting to Los Angeles.

Instead, Reeves operated quietly in the background. His biggest job was to secure a place to play. He wanted the Coliseum even though he was opposed by collegiate groups.

Incidentally, Reeves was then operating entirely on his own. He had bought out Levy in 1944, just before Waterfield sparked the team to a title.

Reeves has as much determination as he has money. And he has plenty of both. He finally was granted the right to play in the Coliseum, but at a penalty price.

The two big local universities, Southern California and UCLA, are charged a straight 10 percent rental fee. Reeves and his Rams would be allowed in the big bowl all right, but at a 15 percent charge. He accepted it.

And that, succinctly, is how Los Angeles became big league in professional football. Which is quite a contrast from the manner in which it became major league in baseball.

There is a growing suspicion among a large number of voters that the politicians who engineered the transfer of Brooklyn to Los Angeles not only promised the Bums the key to the city, but the combination to the safe as well. This must strike Dan as rather ironical, although he has never made any public comments about it.

So it was that in 1946 Reeves pulled up stakes in Cleveland and took up residence with his Rams in Los Angeles. This was a big deal, compounded by the fact a new league came into existence in direct competition with the established National Football League.

It was the late and sometimes lamented All-America Conference, which was destined to last as long as those who bankrolled it could use the teams as a tax write-off. The law reads it can be done for five years, which was the exact life of the AAC.

So Dan not only had to compete with the colleges for customers, but also with the Los Angeles Dons of the All-America Conference. And newspaper space was at a premium in those days. There were no special editions, such as greeted the Dodgers, for the Rams and the Dons.

Red Ink flowed in such quantities in the Ram office that Dan finally decided he could use some assistance. First, he called on his old partner, Levy, who bought back into the club. Then he acquired two more wealthy partners, the brothers Edwin W. and the late Harold Pauley.

Later James (Hal) Seley joined the front office team and even Bob Hope, the comedian, purchased a small interest in the Rams. All these men have contributed to the success story which reached its peak last year.

It was rough sledding in those early days, and there were many personnel changes, which was something to be expected. There was a saying around town that coaching the Rams was a job in which it wasn't a good idea to take off your hat.

First coach in Los Angeles was Adam Walsh. But he was out at the end of the 1946 season. Bob Snyder replaced

to an average crowd of 71,192 grid fans

Fred Levy

Bob Hope

Dan Reeves

him. Then Clark Shaughnessy took over for Snyder when the latter resigned with the fastest case of ulcers in medical history.

Next it was Joe Stydahar, who led the Rams to the world championship in 1951. Jumbo Joe was followed by Hamp Pool, who eventually resigned to make way for Sid Gillman, the present coach.

What made it particularly rough was the fact that the two leagues bid against each other for playing and coaching talents. The payrolls skyrocketed in relation to the big names on the squads, names calculated not only to make a winning team but also draw out the fans.

And Reeves was never one to be outdone. He continued, even when suffering financial reverses, to load his squad with outstanding players. In Waterfield, he came up with one of the best quarterbacks in the business.

When Bullet Bob neared the end of the line, Dan acquired another great passer, punter and quarterback in Norman Van Brocklin. The Dutchman turned out to be so good that he practically rewrote the Ram record book and erased most of the marks Waterfield posted during his long tenure with the team.

These, naturally, are just a few of the many names which helped keep Los Angeles in the public prints and an outstanding contender in the always rugged National Football League. But it was the behind-scenes work of men like Dan Reeves which ultimately led to the crowning success of more than a million fans during a season of play.

It is interesting now to find out from Reeves just what he believes brought about this pleasant and profitable happenstance in the business of professional football.

Reeves, a man of firm and fixed opinions, has this analysis of the factors contributing to the success of the Rams:

1. *The advent of television*

TeeVee, as most will agree, has been a thorny problem for the colleges. But it has been a boon to professional ball.

What it boils down to is the cyclops called television has worked to professional football's advantage because of a situation peculiar to the sport. Basically, it is because there are just 12 teams spread out from coast to coast.

This permits a team such as Los Angeles to televise all its away games and black out the home contests. This certainly doesn't harm the gate, but rather helps.

Through the medium of the away telecasts, the Rams not only create new fans but are able to publicize just when they will be at home and why the viewer should take the opportunity to see the Rams in person. In fact, that's the only way he can.

All this assists in the job of promoting the team, and also results in additional revenue. Reeves receives a good chunk for selling the television rights.

2. *A winning team*

It is somewhat true that all the world loves a winner, and it is especially true in Los Angeles. Evidently Reeves was well aware of that long before he shuffled off for Los Angeles.

He brought a defending champion with him in 1946, and since that time the Rams have done remarkably well, all things considered. They won the western division titles in 1949, 1950 and 1951, plus the so-called world crown in 1951.

They deadlocked for the western division championship in 1952. Reeves would just as soon forget the vital statistics on the playoff. Detroit edged them out, 31-21.

And in 1955 they again won in their division, but dropped the championship playoff by a tally of 38-14. Cleveland

. . . Ram success keyed to Dan Reeves,

was the winner, which must have been particularly galling to Dapper Dan.

The outfit is seldom out of the championship running early in the season, which helps in maintaining the interest of the fans. Oddly enough, they have won their opening league game in the last five years, and they have never lost a closing game since calling Los Angeles home.

3. *Press, radio and television support*

Diplomatic Dan attributes a great deal of the success to the "kind treatment of the men in the various media. We have enjoyed wonderful support from virtually everyone in the press, radio and television areas," he explains.

The author would like to add to that a reason which modesty prevented Reeves from adding. I covered the Rams for the late Los Angeles Daily News, and I know from personal experience he was instrumental in developing good public relations.

For one thing, he always made sure that he had a top-notch publicity director. He has one now in Bert E. Rose, Jr., who got his training doing a similar job for the University of Washington.

And he had a first-rate man before him in Pete Rozelle. In fact, Pete did such outstanding work that the Rams hired him back as general manager, the position he now occupies.

Reeves also played it sharp when he first came to town by making a deal with the influential Los Angeles Times to stage an annual charity game.

It is played between the Rams and the Washington Redskins and sponsored by the Times. Naturally, the paper supports the contest to the hilt, resulting in all kinds of stories, features and pictures worth untold value to the club.

In addition, Reeves brought with him from Cleveland the club's regular announcer, a chap by the name of Bob Kelley. He is a controversial figure in Los Angeles, but he accomplished what he started out to do, namely promote the Rams.

And when Kelley sticks to giving a word picture of a game, he is one of the best in the business. He knows football, and the Rams especially. He was once secretary of the club.

4. *Time*

As Reeves explains it, every pioneer needs time. The early years in any new venture are expected to be difficult ones. If a reasonable amount of success can be obtained before time runs out — or money — there is a good possibility that ultimate success will be achieved.

It should be added that Reeves had both, plus the tenacity to stick it out in the face of almost over-powering opposition and indications of imminent failure with a capital F.

5. *Management*

Number five is my personal addition. Reeves eliminated this in discussing the team and all the things which went with it in setting a record in attendance.

It is often said that the test of a good executive is the men he chooses to assist him. Reeves passes that test with an A plus.

The Rams have enjoyed the best in top management, from the owners through the general manager and those in the coaching level, and right down the line to the equipment boy.

For instance, the Los Angeles franchise has been credited with a number of "firsts" in professional football. The elaborate scouting system originally devised by Reeves is now in common usage throughout the National Football League.

On the field, plays such as the famous tackle eligible were first employed by the Rams, and with such great success the league outlawed the maneuver. They continue to remain a step ahead of their competitors, a factor that undoubtedly also contributed to the success story.

As for the men who head the Ram organization, it is interesting to note that Reeves, who started in the league in 1941, is still the youngest of all the owners in the NFL. He was born in New York City June 30, 1912.

Although not a large man, Dan played football at Newman Prep School in Lakewood, N. J., captaining the team in his last year. He later attended Georgetown University. In addition to the football business, Dan has a stock brokerage, which he also shifted from Cleveland to Los Angeles.

Reeves and his wife occupy a palatial home in an exclusive suburb of Los Angeles. And they are raising a girl's basketball team. The Reeves, Dan and Mary, have five daughters and one son.

Pauley is a familiar figure on the American political scene as well as in the oil industry. He played football at Occidental College, switched to crew when he enrolled at the University of California at Berkeley.

Pauley, father of three sons and one daughter, is credited with the statement that "we have never been associated with a losing proposition" during the darkest days of the

youngest owner in the NFL!

Rams. And time proved him to be absolutely right.

Fred Levy, Jr., first saw the light of day at Louisville, Ky., April 18, 1902. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and has long been associated with Reeves. He has various business interests and makes his home in Los Angeles. He is married and the father of two daughters.

James (Hal) Seley is a prominent man in California sports. He is an alumnus of the University of Southern California and president of the Pacific Processing Company. He owns a large stable of thoroughbred racing horses, the most noted of which is Trackmaster.

There is little to be said that isn't already known concerning Bob Hope, the famed comic. About all that should be added is that he is an ardent football fan, even more so now that he has some of his money riding with the Rams.

Anyhow, this is a success story, one of the most interesting in all sports. And there is small doubt that it would never have been written had it not been for Daniel F. Reeves.

It was Reeves who had the determination and foresight to make a dream become a reality – major league football in Los Angeles. And until he moved the Rams to Los Angeles, the only big league sport it enjoyed was horse racing. Everything else was strictly in the category of the minor leagues.

And if you want to carry it even further, Reeves is undoubtedly responsible for major league baseball coming to Los Angeles. The Dodger front office crew probably read those Ram attendance figures and decided to follow Greeley's advice and Reeves' example.

Of course, now that the Rams have hit the magic million it doesn't mean they won't be out to better that figure. Reeves may be at this very moment envisioning the day when that number will be doubled.

It is a physical impossibility under the present system of schedules and the stadia in which they play. But who knows but what football may one day borrow a page from baseball's book and bill more than just one game a week.

For instance, Los Angeles had that nice, fat average of 71,192 per home game. Suppose the schedule was increased to where they had, say in round numbers, 40 games instead of last year's 19.

Multiply 40 times the average and you come up with 2,847,680. They would not only surpass the two million mark, but would be closing in on the three million figure.

That's a lot of clients, but at the rate the Rams are drawing them in it could happen. And it couldn't happen to a nicer organization. ■

Hal Seley.

Harold Pauley.

Cleveland's great Jim Brown against the Rams the day he set NFL record, 236 yds. rushing.

EASTERN DIVISION

BROWNS

Quarterbacking still a question, but Browns look good again

By Bob August
Cleveland Press

PAUL BROWN gets even less enjoyment than most people out of being proven wrong. Last season large, jagged holes were shot through one of his favorite theories, and he didn't mind a bit.

"Just look at the standings," the vice president, general manager and coach of the Browns used to say. "The teams with the best quarterbacks always wind up at the top. The ones that don't have them are at the bottom."

Last season the team that won the Eastern Division championship didn't have the best quarterback. It was, of course, his own team.

Tommy O'Connell got them there, and no one will ever accuse him of overpowering the opposition with his talents. Picked up as a cast-off from the Chicago Bears the previous season, O'Connell was short for a pro quarterback, only 5-10. Operations on both knees had robbed him of both speed and mobility. As a passer, he was good, but hardly exceptional in the NFL.

An awareness of his limitations was undoubtedly one reason O'Connell, in the wake of his first major accomplishment as a pro, announced his retirement to take a coaching job at the University of Illinois, his alma mater. Another,

Browns' number one quarterback for 1958, Milt Plum. At right, Fullback Jim Brown.

Pistol Pete Brewster very niftily eludes defensive backs to take pass for big yardage during a 1957 season game.

which he mentioned in quitting, was his susceptibility to injury. Twice he was sidelined during the 1957 season, and he hadn't played in the month prior to the championship game.

Another, which O'Connell didn't mention, may well have been a resentment over Brown's extremely frank appraisals of his short-comings. They were echoed in the press and proved a source of irritation to O'Connell.

"We know what Tommy can do. Now we are looking for somebody to beat him out," Brown admitted when the team went to training camp. He said O'Connell would make "an excellent No. 2 quarterback."

Brown admired O'Connell for his cool courage and remarkable poise. But even when the stocky Irishman had led the NFL in passing, Brown's praise seldom soared beyond "he does extremely well with what he has."

The lessons of 1957 reflect directly on an appraisal of the Browns' chances this year. Previously, guesses had been predicated on the team finding a reasonable facsimile of Otto Graham. Now it has been proved that, in some seasons at least, a team can make up for quarterbacking deficiencies by brilliance in other departments.

That removes considerable burden from the muscular shoulders of Milt Plum, the next in line of quarterback succession. Quite possibly it will be enough for Plum to be good, without being Graham.

If his chances are based on one game, which is how the optimists are rose-coloring them, he *is* another Graham. The game was the final one of the regular season, against the New York Giants. Plum, subbing for the injured O'Connell, put on a virtuoso performance both running and passing, in a 34-28 victory.

By that time, however, the division championship had been secured and the teams were playing for exercise. Actually, Plum contributed little to the team's title drive.

Only once was he placed in the pressure chamber as a starter before the issues had been resolved. That came in a mid-season game against the Chicago Cardinals, when Brown was looking for a faster, and easier, way to score touchdowns. Plum's performance was greenish-hued and O'Connell had to be summoned for the rescue act.

Even after a year with the team, Plum's exact measurements as a quarterback are difficult to take. As a draft choice, he was something of a shot in the dark. Plum was regarded as a fine all-round football player at Penn State — a punter, passer, place-kicker and defensive standout. He was not a passing specialist of the type the pros covet.

Only in size, a rangy 6-2, 205, did he fit the pro mold. Surprisingly, the two things he didn't do at all at Penn State are what the Browns think he does best. In college, he was not used as a runner or a long passer.

Cleveland observers are inclined to find resemblances to Otto Graham in the most unlikely prospects, but as a ball-carrier Plum does bear a surprising resemblance to Graham. His speed is only fair, as was Otto's, but he uses it artfully in picking his way behind blockers.

Also like Graham, Plum is strong physically, a quarterbacking asset that is often overlooked. His ability to fight off the first rushing opponent, and then pass or run, was especially apparent in the victory over the Giants. It opened the defense to a variety of impromptu maneuvers.

As a passer, Plum has the all-important powerful arm, and the downfield range that goes with it. He has looked best as a long passer.

What he still must prove is that he can coolly survey a cluttered landscape, pick the logical target and hit it the precise moment it is uncovered. That is the mark of the accomplished pro passer, and Plum hasn't proved conclusively he belongs in the club.

It is the product of poise that comes with experience. But, obviously, many quarterbacks never acquire it, which is why there is always a scarcity of top-grade passers.

Among the rookie quarterbacks who will be in camp for a handclasp and a cup of coffee, only Jim Ninowski of Michigan State figures as potentially important. Even if he is good enough to give Plum an argument for the starting spot, Ninowski probably won't be ready until he has had a year's indoctrination.

"It's got to be Plum," admits Brown. "He has that year of experience."

The other quarterback holdover is John Borton, also a rookie last season. Borton's career at Ohio State was cut short by injury and he then served two years in the Navy. Even though it had been four years since he played a full season of football, Borton made the Browns and in many ways shows exceptional aptitude for the job. However, he was hampered from the first by a sore arm that may prove chronic. If it doesn't improve, Borton will give up the game.

Jim Haluska, another displaced Chicago Bear, has an outside chance. The former Wisconsin passer had a brief trial with the Browns in the final weeks of the 1957 exhibition season. This time he'll be back for a more thorough inspection.

The prospects of another division championship with Plum at quarterback appear reasonably good if the Browns can present as formidable a lineup as last year's at all other positions. Certainly, there are fewer soft spots to shore up than there were in 1957.

But it is far from a foregone conclusion that Paul Brown will repeat the unprecedented success he enjoyed last year in locating fresh, youthful talent. Coaches usually don't strike it rich two years in a row.

The Browns had new faces at seven positions, an amazing number for a title-winning team. Fullback Jim Brown, of course, dominated the headlines, as the league's top ground-gainer, rookie-of-the-year and unanimous all-pro choice. Art Hunter took over at center, rookies Fred Robinson and Jim Ray Smith as the alternating right guards and Lew Carpenter, obtained from the Detroit Lions, as the running halfback. On defense, End Bill Quinlan and Middle Linebacker Vince Costello proved exceptional first-year performers.

Guard Jim Ray Smith (on ground) clears the way for Halfback Lew Carpenter against the Los Angeles Rams.

In addition, Preston Carpenter made a successful switch from halfback to offensive end in his sophomore season.

With a nucleus of youthful players, the Browns would seem to be set for several seasons. This does not appear to be the case, even for the upcoming one. Despite the transfusions of fresh plasma, the Browns still are dangerously middle-aged in some places.

Strangely enough, for a Browns team, the breakdown threatens to hit the defensive unit. A sturdy defense has always been a Browns trademark, and even last year the team yielded fewer points than any other.

But the crushing 59-14 loss to the Detroit Lions in the championship game revealed more than a team having one of its inevitable bad days. Several other times in the late season, the Browns' pass defense had been badly riddled, and only their increasing scoring power kept them winning.

What makes the defensive backfield problem acute is that the two solidest members are also the oldest. Don Paul and Warren Lahr have been one of the NFL's best corner-back combinations. Lahr will be 35 in September. Paul is 32. The safetymen, Junior Wren and Ken Konz, are young enough, but not as steady.

Obviously, the Browns must start thinking in terms of replacements for Lahr and Paul. Probably, they will move slowly, as dropping both the same year might prove extremely disastrous.

Paul Brown hopes he already has one replacement on hand in Bobby Freeman, the former Auburn quarterback. Freeman has the instincts and physical equipment for a defensive back, and showed promise as a rookie last season filling in for the injured regulars.

The other top prospect is Halfback Jimmy Shofner of Texas Christian, the Browns' No. 1 draft choice. Rangy and fast, Shofner is figured as a possibility either on defense or as a flanking halfback.

Other danger spots are at left tackle on offense and in the defensive line. One of these years time will have to catch up with Lou Groza the offensive lineman, even though Groza the place-kicker seems to have an almost limitless future. His reputation as a kicker has tended to obscure Groza's accomplishments as an extremely fast and mobile tackle.

Right now the Browns have no replacement for Groza, although Henry Jordan, second-year man from the University of Virginia, has the speed, and might be switched from offense to defensive duties.

The rest of the offensive line is manned adequately. Mike McCormack, who is of all-pro caliber, moves his 248 pounds about purposefully at right tackle. Herschel Forester is the left guard, Smith and Robinson alternate on the right side and Hunter plays center. A rookie with unusual speed might muscle into the picture at guard.

The ends again will be veteran Pete Brewster and Preston Carpenter, unless a rookie end is uncovered who is good enough to return Preston to halfback.

On the defensive line, Don Colo, at 33, may have a year left as a rough, aggressive tackle. However, the whiskered old guy with the weed chopper seems to have mowed down Len Ford. Although a year younger than Colo, Ford has steadily been losing agility, as well as the competitive fire that made him the best defensive end of his time. Ford started the 1957 season in fine style. Then, handicapped by a painful shoulder injury, he bogged down badly in the later stages.

Ford hopes that an operation has cleared up his shoulder condition. Even if it has, Ford cannot be counted on as a certainty. Paul Wiggin, who played tackle at Stanford, served as Ford's substitute last season and is the likely replacement. Rookie Eddie Rayburn of Rice is another possibility.

Defensive End Quinlan and Tackle Bob Gain will take good care of the other two spots.

Coach Paul Brown watches tensely from the sidelines.

Rookie End Dave Kaiser of Michigan State.

Veteran Tackle Lou Groza returns this year.

BROWNS

Halfback Don Paul

End Bill Quinlan

The Browns also have strength in depth among the linebackers. Even without counting rookie prospects, the Browns have five good ones. They are Middle Linebacker Costello and outside backers Chuck Noll, who missed most of the 1957 season with an arm injury; Walt Michaels, Galen Fiss and Tom Catlin. An attempt will probably be made to trade one of them.

On the basis of their college reputations, which often proves an imperfect measurement anyway, the Browns rookie crop does not indicate a bumper harvest. None of the rookies appears a sure thing, like Brown and Quinlan did a year ago.

Shofner comes closest. Ninowski remains a doubtful quality because 48 collegians were named ahead of him in the draft. The Browns are optimistic about two offensive ends, All-America Jim Gibbons of Iowa and Farrell Funston of College of Pacific. They are the big, powerful type, rather than the racehorse variety.

The rookie running backs shape up as rather small but speedy. Top names are Sam (First Down) Brown of UCLA, Leroy Bolden of Michigan State, Bobby McKiever of Northwestern and possibly Bobby Mitchell of Illinois.

The line prospects have the required beef and include Charley Mitchell of Florida, Gene Hickerson of Mississippi and Buzz Guy of Duke.

Even without significant help from the rookies, the Browns can expect improvement over some phases of their 1957 performance.

Plum, regardless of the consistency of his passing, will open up opposing defenses with his running.

Lew Carpenter, who didn't get out of the Army until the season had started, will be available from the start. A hard and knowledgeable runner, Carpenter will keep opponents from giving Jim Brown their undivided attention. Both Carpenter and Brown are equally effective running inside or outside, which further complicates defensive planning.

The Browns' long list of "new men on the job" should benefit from a year's experience. That is especially true of Lew's brother, Preston. The younger Carpenter, a ferocious competitor, started slowly as an end last year and finished fast.

Plum's ability to throw extremely deep will enhance the value of Ray Renfro, the flanking halfback.The speedy Renfro is the team's best threat for a quick touchdown.

Chuck Noll will be back after being sidelined most of the '57 season. Although not widely acclaimed, Noll is regarded by the Browns' coaches as one of pro football's most effective linebackers.

Balanced against these hopeful signs, of course, is the problem of age among key personnel, and the usual imponderables of injury and sudden reversal of individual performance.

The lessons of 1957 should prove comforting to Plum as the boyish-looking quarterback takes on the big burden. As important as a job is, the record shows a team doesn't necessarily sink or swim with its quarterback. ■

1957 REGULAR SEASON RESULTS

Cleveland 6, New York Giants 3
Cleveland 23, Pittsburgh 12
Cleveland 24, Philadelphia 7
Philadelphia 17, Cleveland 7
Cleveland 17, Chicago Cards. 7
Cleveland 21, Washington 17
Cleveland 24, Pittsburgh 0
Cleveland 30, Washington 30
Cleveland 45, Los Angeles 21
Cleveland 31, Chicago Cards 0
Detroit 20, Cleveland 7
Cleveland 34, New York 28

1958 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

Sept. 28, at Los Angeles Rams
Oct. 5, at Pittsburgh Steelers
Oct. 12, Chicago Cardinals
Oct. 19, Pittsburgh Steelers
Oct. 26, at Chicago Cardinals
Nov. 2, New York Giants
Nov. 9, Detroit Lions
Nov. 16, at Washington Redskins
Nov. 23, Philadelphia Eagles
Nov. 30, Washington Redskins
Dec. 7, at Philadelphia
Dec. 14, at New York Giants

Halfback Ray Renfro

CLEVELAND BROWNS' FINAL STATISTICS—1957

FIRST DOWNS	180
Rushing	93
Passing	76
Penalty	11
TOTAL YARDS GAINED	3670
Rushing (net)	1958
Passing (net)	1712
NUMBER OF RUSHES	501
Average Gain per Rush	3.9
FORWARD PASSES ATTEMPTED	195
Passes Completed	108
Percent Completed	55.4
Yards Gained Passing	1873
YARDS LOST ATTEMPTING TO PASS	161
Number had Intercepted	14
YDS. INTER. RET. BY OPP.	141
OPP. T.D. ON INTER.	1
NUMBER OF PUNTS	61
Ave. Distance	39.3
Returned by	48
Ave. Distance Ret. by	4.8
Ret. for T.D. by	0
KICKOFFS RETURNED	33
Ave. Dist. Ret. by	20.8
NUMBER OF PENALTIES	66
Yards Penalized	597
FUMBLES	20
Opp. Fumbles Rec.	9
Opp. Fumbles	20
Opp. Fumbles Rec.	12
TOUCHDOWNS	32
Touchdowns Running	20
Touchdowns Passing	12
Extra Points	32
Field Goals	15
Field Goals Att.	22
TOTAL POINTS	269

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Ave.
Brown	200	942	4.7
Hanulak	125	375	3.0
L. Carpenter	83	315	3.8
Plum	24	114	4.7
P. Carpenter	3	86	28.6
Reynolds	29	55	1.9
Renfro	2	32	11.0
Campbell	7	23	3.3
Modzelewski	10	21	2.5
McCormack	1	4	4.0
O'Connell	14	−5	0.0

Receiving	No.	Yds.	TD
Brewster	30	589	2
Renfro	21	596	6
P. Carpenter	27	391	2
Clarke	4	77	0
L. Carpenter	5	65	0
Brown	16	55	1
Hanulak	3	38	0
Campbell	1	25	1
Reynolds	1	12	0

Pass Interceptions	No.	Yds.	TD
Konz	4	20	0
Paul	4	20	0
Wren	3	65	0
Freeman	3	46	0
Costello	2	19	0
Lahr	1	14	0
Michaels	1	6	0
Fiss	1	15	0

Punting	No.	Yds.	Ave.
Konz	63	40.1	63

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds.	Ave.
Campbell	11	263	23.9
Reynolds	7	142	20.0
Brown	6	136	22.7
Modzelewski	5	74	14.8
L. Carpenter	1	24	24.0
Clarke	2	22	11.0
Freeman	1	15	15.0

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	LR
Reynolds	24	114	23
Paul	6	57	32
Hanulak	11	29	11
Konz	3	13	7

Scoring	TD	PAT	FG	T
Groza	0	32	15	77
Brown	10	0	0	60
Renfro	6	0	0	36
L. Carpenter	4	0	0	24
Hanulak	3	0	0	18
P. Carpenter	3	0	0	18
Brewster	2	0	0	12
Campbell	1	0	0	6
Reynolds	1	0	0	6
O'Connell	1	0	0	6
Paul	1	0	0	6

Forward Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Pct.	Long	Int.	Ave.	Yds. L.
O'Connell	110	63	1229	9	57.3	65	8	11.17	66
Plum	71	41	582	2	57.7	68	4	8.2	65
Hanulak	3	1	32	1	33.3	32	0	10.6	0
Borton	6	3	22	0	50.0	10	1	7.3	0
Campbell	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0

1958 CLEVELAND BROWNS ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Hght.	Wt.	School
Almashy, William	E	6-4	200	Dayton University
Amstutz, Joe	C	6-5	264	Indiana
Bolden, Leroy	HB	5-8	170	Michigan State
Borton, John	QB	6	208	Ohio State
Bradley, Harold	G	6-2	230	Iowa
Brewster, Darrel	E	6-4	210	Purdue
Brown, Jim	FB	6-2	228	Syracuse
Brown, Sam	HB	5-10	180	UCLA
Campbell, Milt	HB	6-3	217	Indiana
Carpenter, Lew	HB	6-2	205	Arkansas
Carpenter, Preston	E	6-2	192	Arkansas
Catlin, Tom	C	6-1	210	Oklahoma
Clarke, Frank	E	6	207	Colorado
Colo, Don	T	6-3	251	Brown
Costello, Vince	G	6	224	Ohio University
Czapla, Frank	E	6-3	218	Missouri
Davis, Willie	E	6-3	225	Grammling
Fiss, Galen	FB	6	227	Kansas
Ford, Len	E	6-5	258	Michigan
Forester, Herschel	G	6	230	Southern Methodist
Freeman, Bobby	H-Q	6-1	199	Auburn
Funston, Farrell	E	6-2	217	College of the Pacific
Gain, Bob	T	6-3	259	Kentucky
Gibbons, Jim	E	6-3	202	Iowa
Gillis, Dan	T	6-3	245	Rice
Goss, Don	T	6-5	260	Southern Methodist
Groza, Lou	T	6-3	248	Ohio State
Guy, Buzz	T	6-4	248	Duke
Haluska, Jim	QB	6	190	Wisconsin
Hanulak, Chet	HB	5-10	191	Maryland
Hunter, Art	C	6-3	242	Notre Dame
Hickerson, Gene	G	6-3	235	Mississippi
Javernick, Harry	T	6-3	230	Colorado
Jordan, Henry	T	6-3	242	Virginia
Kaiser, Dave	E	6-1	205	Michigan State
Konz, Ken	HB	5-10	187	Louisiana State
Lahr, Warren	HB	5-10	192	Western Reserve
Latham, Sam	T	6-3	235	Mississippi State
Louderback, Tom	C	6-1	221	San Jose State
Michaels, Walter	FB	6	237	Washington & Lee
Mitchell, Bob	HB	6	180	Illinois
Mitchell, Charles	G	6-1	230	Florida
Modzelewski, Ed	FB	6-1	222	Maryland
Moore, John	G	6-1	230	Baldwin-Wallace
McCormack, Mike	T	6-4	247	Kansas
Ninowski, Jim	QB	6-1	205	Michigan State
Noll, Charles	G	6-1	210	Dayton
Osborne, Carl	HB	5-11	185	Texas A & M
Paul, Don	HB	6	192	Washington State
Plum, Milt	QB	6-1	205	Penn State
Quinlan, Bill	E	6-3	245	Michigan State
Rayburn, Ed	E	6-2	230	Rice
Renfro, Ray	HB	6-1	190	North Texas State
Reynolds, Billy	HB	6	195	Pittsburgh
Robinson, Fred	G	6-1	242	Washington
Sacks, Sanford	T	6-3	236	Northwestern
Sebest, John	HB	6	197	Eastern Kentucky State
Shofner, Jim	HB	6	187	Texas Christian
Smith, Jim Ray	G	6-2	240	Baylor
Walker, George	QB	6	182	Arkansas
Wiggin, Paul	E	6-2	237	Stanford
Wren, Lowe	HB	6	188	Missouri

BROWNS' 1958 DRAFT LIST

(Top Choices Listed in Order)

Jim Shofner, back, Texas Christian
Charles Mitchell, guard, Florida
Buzz Guy, tackle, Duke
Jim Ninowski, back, Michigan State
Farrel Funston, end, College of the Pacific
Jim Gibbons, end, Iowa
James Wulff, back, Michigan State
Bob Mitchell, back, Illinois
Bert Lattimore, end, Duke
Bernie Parish, back, University of Florida
Leo Russavage, tackle, North Carolina

Russ Bowermaster, end, Ohio State
Robert Brodhead, back, Duke
Hal Williams, back, Miami of Ohio
Ken Miller, tackle, Texas Christian
Howard Holescher, back, Rice
Jerry Cornelison, tackle, Southern Methodist
Roddy Osborn, back, Texas A & M
Alvin Johnson, tackle, Idaho
Ed Brown, guard, Arizona
Edward Serieka, back, Xavier

William Martin, end, Iowa State
Robert Renn, back, Florida State
Dan Verhey, tackle, Washington
Jim O'Connor, tackle, Marshall
Robert Peters, back, Baylor
Frank Thompson, tackle, Wake Forest
Dave Phelen, back, Miami of Ohio
William Boykin, tackle, Michigan State
Frank Czapla, tackle, Missouri
Bernard Svendsen, center, Minnesota

Quarterback Don Heinrich.

EASTERN DIVISION

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Howell predicts New York will regain title

By Til Ferdenzi
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JIM LEE HOWELL, a football coach with a practical turn of mind, has diagnosed all the reasons behind the downfall of his 1957 Giants.

"We failed to repeat our 1956 championship because of four reasons," Howell said at the outset of a rundown on the frailties and hopes of his disappointing ex-champs.

"1, Our ends didn't catch as many passes as they did in 1956.

"2, Offensively, we didn't work out of the guards the way we should have.

"3, Our defensive secondary was off . . . At times it was far below the standards we expected.

"4, We didn't rush forward passers."

These were the millstones hindering the progress and prosperity of the Yankee Stadium tenants. But, as Howell says, "that's all league history now."

"What I'm interested in is 1958," the tall coach said, "and I think I've got the right prescriptions to win us another title."

As befits a coach with a mission, Howell accentuates the positive while ticking off his rebuilding plans. He says the Giants will bounce back and win the championship.

"We've spent the off-season concentrating on our weak spots," he said. "We have every reason to believe we have strengthened the club considerably."

If Howell is on target in one of his improvement projects, the Giants could make it in a breeze. The Giants are banking "a whole lot" on a couple of rookies. They are Phil King, the No. 1 draft choice from Vanderbilt, and Don Maynard of Texas Western, No. 9 on the 1957 draft list.

King and Maynard were acquired to give the Giants that extra speed they lacked at the halfbacks last year. This is the tandem Howell hopes "will give my club the long-range scoring punch we lacked last year."

The way Howell tells it, the lack of exceptional speed to the outside and on deep pass patterns hurt the Giants immeasurably. It didn't take the opposition long to peg Giant deficiencies. They made note of the Maramen's jaded long-range scoring kick and planned their defenses accordingly.

"No question about it," said Howell. "When you don't have that threat of great speed you have made it that much easier for the opposition to defense you."

King, a 6-4, 220-pound speedster, has what the Giants hope will keep defenders honest in 1958. He has run the 100 in 9.6 and is faster than either of his more illustrious teammates, Frank Gifford and Alex Webster.

"We know he is an excellent receiver," said Howell. "He has quick hands and is rugged enough to fight those defenders for the ball."

Maynard probably will be used like Kyle Rote, the fancy ex-halfback who has achieved extraordinary success as a pass-catching end.

Maynard is as fast as King. He was Border Conference high and low hurdles champion and, like King, has run the 100 in 9.6. He is the kind of top

Halfback Em Tunnell.

Center Ray Wietecha.

Tackle Roosevelt Brown.

Giants big and rugged goal line defenders put the stopper on Don Bosseler of the Redskins, who tries to go over the top.

Halfback Alex Webster.

Quarterback Charley Conerly.

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pass catcher who will enable the Giants to play the slot formation more often than in the past.

Howell and the entire Giant coaching staff make no secret of the importance of King and Maynard. They could be the most significant rookies the club has had in its long and colorful history.

But while Howell starts any of his squad evaluations with King and Maynard, he leads the conversation into allied departments without shifting gears.

There is the case of Dorne Dibble, for instance. Dibble is an end acquired last winter from the Detroit Lions. His function will be to bolster the pass-receiving prowess of ends Rote, Ken MacAfee and Bob Schnelker. Howell calls Dibble's addition a big step forward in the bolstering of his offensive platoon.

Along these lines, the Giants point to Tom Dublinski, another former Detroit Lion. He lends experienced depth to the quarterback corps led by Chuck Conerly and Don Heinrich.

Since the Giants place so much importance on their quest of a more productive offensive, it is only natural the club's high command would be stressing three other points.

The retirement of Bill Austin, a veteran guard, and the trading of tackle Dick Yelvington to Baltimore, leaves two holes in the offensive line. There is also the uncertainty of Frank Gifford's status. A pending movie career and other outside temptations make the star halfback an unknown quantity at press time.

To make up for the absence of Austin and Yelvington, the Giants are counting on Frank Youso, a tackle from Minnesota, and Dalton Truax, a guard from Tulane.

Youso, the club's No. 2 draft pick, is an intriguing prospect, embodying all the ingredients of the efficient offensive lineman. He is fast, agile and rough.

Truax needs no introduction to Howell. Around the swank Giant front office, the ex-Tulane lineman is rated just as high as Youso, his more celebrated rookie teammate. Two years ago, Truax was considered to be the finest tackle in the Southeastern Conference. He was acquired from Green Bay and is being counted on to play as a regular.

Speaking of tackles, and Howell needs little prodding on the subject, the return from service of Roosevelt Grier must be considered a key factor in Giant plans for recapturing the championship.

It's a certainty Grier will be out of the Army in time to play this Fall, but no one among the club's high command knows exactly when that will be.

It stands as a matter of reason that no one will be any happier to greet Grier than Howell. The Giant coach makes no effort to disguise his displeasure over the ineptitudes of his defensive unit in times of stress last season.

"Looking back over last year, I've got to say we hurt ourselves in at least four games by not keeping pressure on the passer," Howell said. "With Grier back this year, I'm not worried about that item any more."

Grier, one of the finest linemen in the league, also figures to iron out other defensive deficiencies. When the Giants play their first game of the 1958 campaign, they will do the job with a better coordinated defensive team.

According to Howell, his secondary figures to profit for a time-tested reason, and that is competition. The 1958 Giants have four rookies with the talent to extract the very best from such veterans as Emlen Tunnell, Dick Nolan, Jim Patton, Ed Hughes, Cliff Livingston, Bill Svoboda and Harland Svare.

The rookie quartet expected to keep the veterans hustling numbers Don Sutherin, Ohio State; Bob Conrad, Texas A-M; Billy Lott, Mississippi, and linebacker Don Caraway of Houston.

The leading prospect of the lot is Caraway. He is what the Giants need most, a linebacker with agility, power and the ability to diagnose plays with a minimum of error.

This is another weak spot Howell says he will have to cure. The absence of Grier's tremendous defensive strength

last year put too much of a burden on the Giant linebackers in 1957. They simply couldn't cope with the extra responsibility.

Caraway's case is unusual. He was picked by the Bears two years ago, and by the Redskins last year, but he was declared ineligible to be selected and was picked up by the Giants in the 1958 draft.

He is what Howell calls "one of the most exceptional prospects I've seen." Caraway is 230 pounds and stands 6-1. He is a fast, hard runner and a vicious tackler. He averaged better than 42 yards in his punts at Houston, and was also above average in placement kicking.

The return of Grier and the hopes embodied in Caraway give the Giants a promising defensive unit. One that may rival the aggregation which stunned the opposition so thoroughly in the title season of 1956.

The defense squad shows Jim Katcavage, Andy Robustelli and Walt Yowarsky at the ends; Dick Modzelewski and Grier at the tackles; Sam Huff at middle guard; Svare, Svoboda, Cliff Livingston at the line-backer post; Johnny Bookman, Hughes, Nolan at halfback, and Patton at the safety position.

This is the nucleus, and it must be considered more potent in potential than last year's lineup because of Katcavage, a veteran who divided his time in 1957 between end and tackle.

There will be no more of that this season. Not if Howell's blueprint remains constant.

"I had to shift Katcavage over to tackle last year to make up for the loss of Grier," the Giant coach explained. "But with Grier back, Jim now can go back to his old position at end. He was a good fill-in at tackle, but he is a great defensive end and that's where he can do us the most good."

Yowarsky, however, may be asked to go two ways this year. The big end played center during the pre-season exhibition schedule last year in an effort to prepare him for the emergency of having to substitute for Ray Wietecha. Yowarsky will get the same treatment this season.

New York's brilliant halfback, Frank Gifford, making a sweep against the Washington Redskins.

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Howell says he has an open mind in at least two other cases. The coach indicates he may use rookie Bill Lott as either an offensive or defensive halfback. He said there is also a good chance the league may see more of Gene Filipski as a regular running halfback.

There are differences of opinion on just where Lott will do the job with the most efficiency. Johnny Vaught, Lott's coach at Mississippi, says "Lott is the best offensive halfback I've coached." Junie Hovious, Vaught's assistant, calls Lott "the best defensive back I've coached."

The final disposition of Filipski depends a great deal on Gifford's plans. If the star halfback retires to go into the movies, it's a good bet Filipski will step in as Gifford's replacement. The ex-Army and Villanova halfback has spent all his time with the Giants as a spot operative on kickoffs and punt returns.

Statistically, the 1957 Giants presented an interesting angle. One that will have to be improved this year.

When the Maramen won the championship in 1956 they did it with the most productive ball carrying trio in the National Football League. It can be said the title was won on the bread and butter running of Gifford, Webster and Triplett. Two years ago they were the only backfield in the league which gained more than 2000 yards.

Last season the living wasn't so easy. Gifford, who gained 819 yards in '56, dropped to 528 in '57. Webster, who accounted for 694 in the championship year, faded to 477. Triplett, the big fullback, gained 515 in 1956. He slumped all the way to 216.

The Giant strategy board is not ignorant of these statistics. Howell and his staff don't think the Gifford-Webster-Triplett axis has slowed down that much. They probed the problem deeper than that.

"We didn't work out of the guards like we should have," Howell said. "Ray Beck didn't report to the training camp until very late and Bill Austin was hurt most of the year."

The solution of this problem could hold the answer for the 1958 Giants. Truax, the rookie, must come through. Jack Spinks, satisfactory last season until he was sidelined by injury, must regain his regular playing form. This pair will battle Beck and Jack Stroud for the starting posts.

"If we get the stuff we want out of those offensive guards, we'll be all right," Howell said.

But there is still another key position that must be filled better than it was last year if the Giants are to prosper. They need better pass-catching ability at the ends, particularly on deep patterns.

The returning veterans are MacAfee, Rote and Schnelker. But one rookie could fill the bill. He is Billy Lumpkin, of Florence State.

Lumpkin, 30th on the 1958 draft list, comes to the Giants with an impressive dossier. At Florence State, this 6-3, 190-pounder surpassed Harlon Hill's records. Lumpkin is extremely fast and may prove to be the all-time prize of the 30th draft round.

At quarterback, the Giants are betted fixed than they were a year ago. Chuck Conerly is back for his 11th year in the NFL. Don Heinrich will be dipping into his fifth season. Tom Dublinski, the fellow who was fourth on the NFL passing parade in 1954 with a 55.8 percent of completions, is a useful addition; as is Charlie Curtis, the Texas Christian star of two years ago.

Howell says he is satisfied with his quarterback staff.

"It's as strong and as deep as I've had with the Giants," he said. "Dublinski gives me that solid kind of insurance I need. He played on a championship club with the Detroit Lions and we know just what he can do. Conerly and Heinrich . . . Their records speak for themselves."

Conerly ranked seventh among the league's passers last year, but his value is emphasized by the figures under the interception column next to his name.

In 1956, Conerly had only seven interceptions in 174 attempts. In 1957, he threw 232 times and had 11 intercepted.

The 1958 Giants will be stronger on both offense and defense. Gifford, Webster, Triplett and Bobby Epps will get the long-gaining speed they need from rookie halfbacks King and Maynard. The defensive platoon will welcome their returning G.I., Rosey Grier.

"We are shooting for the top," says Howell. "I think we're going to make it."

He could be right. ■

1957 REGULAR SEASON RESULTS

Cleveland 6, Giants 0
Giants 24, Philadelphia 20
Giants 24, Redskins 20
Steelers 0, Giants 35
Redskins 31, Giants 14
Giants 31, Green Bay 17
Chicago Cards 14, Giants 27
Eagles 0, Giants 13
Giants 28, Chicago Cards 21
San Francisco 27, Giants 17
Giants 10, Steelers 21
Cleveland 34, Giants 28.

1958 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

Sept. 28, at Chicago Cards
Oct. 5, at Philadelphia
Oct. 12, at Washington
Oct. 19, Chicago Cards
Oct. 26, Pittsburgh
Nov. 2, at Cleveland
Nov. 9, Baltimore
Nov. 16, at Pittsburgh
Nov. 23, Washington
Nov. 30, Philadelphia
Dec. 7, at Detroit
Dec. 14, Cleveland

Giant Coach Jim Lee Howell predicts his team will repeat 1956 season and regain championship in 1958.

NEW YORK GIANTS' FINAL STATISTICS — 1957

Rushing	Atts.	Yds. Gn.	LGn.	Avg.
Gifford	136	528	41	3.9
Webster	135	477	34	3.5
Epps	68	286	55	4.2
Triplett	61	216	16	3.5
Filipski	21	90	11	4.4
Conerly	14	38	13	2.7
Rote	1	13	13	13.0
Chandler	1	4	4	4.0
Heinrich	4	10	7	2.5
Clatterbuck	3	0	0	0.0

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Tds.	LGn.
Gifford	41	588	4	63
Webster	30	330	1	41
Rote	25	350	3	33
Schnelker	20	450	5	70
MacAfee	16	229	2	41
Epps	8	81	0	34
Triplett	4	75	0	33
Crawford	2	40	0	27
Filipski	1	7	0	7

Interceptions	No.	Yds.	Tds.	LGn.
Tunnell	6	86	1	52
Bookman	3	54	1	31
Patton	3	50	1	50
Svoboda	2	43	0	43
Svare	1	21	0	21
Nolan	1	12	0	12
Huff	1	6	0	6
Crawford	1	3	0	3

Passing	Atts.	Comps.	Int.	Yds. Gn.	LgGn.	Tds.	Pct.
Conerly	232	128	11	1712	70	11	.552
Heinrich	26	11	1	224	63	1	.423
Gifford	6	4	0	143	66	2	.666
Chandler	2	2	0	40	27	0	1.000
Clatterbuck	2	2	0	39	29	1	1.000
Epps	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds.	Tds.	LGn.
Filipski	26	615	0	41
Patton	10	223	0	33
Bookman	4	102	0	33
Crawford	2	36	0	25

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	Tds.	LGn.
Filipski	20	88	0	17
Tunnell	12	60	0	23
Patton	10	23	0	7

Punting	No.	Avgs.	Lgst.
Chandler	60	44.6	61

Scoring	TdR.	TdP.	Tot. Td.	Pat. Att.	PATs	FGA	FGM	Saf	Pts.
Agajanian	0	0	0	32	32	18	10	0	62
Gifford	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	54
Webster	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
Schnelker	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
Rote	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	18
MacAfee	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
Heinrich	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
Bookman	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Patton	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Conerly	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Huff	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Tunnell	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6

1958 NEW YORK GIANTS' ROSTER

Ends	Ht.	Wt.	School
MacAfee, Ken	6-2	215	Alabama
Rote, Kyle	6.0	205	S.M.U.
Schnelker, Bob	6-4	215	Bowling Green
Dibble, Dorne	6-2	195	Michigan State
Katcavage, Jim	6-3	230	Dayton
Robustelli, Andy	6-1	230	Arnold
Yowarsky, Walt	6-2	235	Kentucky
Tackles			
Brown, Roosevelt	6-3	245	Morgan State
Modzelewski, Dick	6.0	260	Maryland
Guards			
Spinks, Jack	6-1	240	Alcorn A&M
Stroud, Jack	6-1	235	Tennessee
Beck, Ray	6-2	225	Georgia Tech
Huff, Sam	6-1	230	West Virginia
Centers			
Wietecha, Ray	6-1	225	Northwestern

Linebackers	Ht.	Wt.	School
Livingston, Cliff	6-3	215	U.C.L.A.
Svare, Harland	6.0	215	Washington State
Svoboda, Bill	6.0	215	Tulane
Quarterbacks			
Clatterbuck, Bob	6-3	195	Houston
Conerly, Charlie	6-1	185	Mississippi
Dublinski, Tom	6-2	190	Utah
Heinrich, Don	6.0	180	Washington
Halfbacks			
Crawford, Ed	6-3	185	Mississippi
Filipski, Gene	5-10	185	Villanova
Gifford, Frank	6-1	205	U.S.C.
Webster, Alex	6-3	210	N.C. State
Hughes, Ed	6-1	180	Tulsa
Nolan, Dick	6-1	180	Maryland
Patton, Jim	5-10	180	Mississippi
Tunnell, Emlen	6-1	200	Iowa
Fullbacks			
Epps, Bobby	5-8	205	Pittsburgh
Triplett, Mel	6-1	215	Toledo

GIANTS' 1958 DRAFT LIST

(Top Choices Listed in Order)

KING, Phil, back, Vanderbilt
YOUSO, Frank, tackle, Minnesota
CARAWAY, Don, back, Houston
DAY, Dick, tackle, Washington
CONRAD, Bobby, back, Texas
LOTT, Billy, back, Mississippi
SUTHERIN, Don, back, Ohio State
KISSEL, Ron, tackle, Pitt
DRUMMOND, Herb, back, Central (O) State
HERNDON, Don, back, Tampa
KURKER, George, tackle, Tufts
WEST, John, tackle, Mississippi
CLEMENTS, Joe, quarterback, Texas
HANSEN, Charles, center, Tulane
PITNEY, Lou, center, New Haven State
LUMPKIN, Billy, end, Florence (Ala) State

Steeler defenders Don Owens, Bill Michael and Dale Dodrill close in on Eagle Sonny Jurgensen to stop him after 9 yard gain.

EASTERN DIVISION

STEELERS

Pittsburghers pin their hopes on Parker's genius

By Davis J. Walsh
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Sun-Telegraph

WHEN THE 1957 NFL season ended, the Pittsburgh Steelers were pretty much a motley collection of assorted jobbers'-samples, with a final reading of 6-&-6 in the club standing, Eastern Division. Which, as records go, was nothing you'd decide to have stuffed and mounted and hung over the fireplace, for all to admire and to see.

Yet, two months later at the annual Dapper Dan dinner, Head Coach Buddy Parker's introduction was greeted with more gusto than that of any other guest on a rostrum graced by hand-picked celebrities from various parts of the nation.

The near-ovation was Pittsburgh's way on conceding at least one thing and possibly two,—(a) That the midway finish represented a personal triumph for Parker; and (b) That, in him, the town may have seen the hope of a better future, including no doubt the end of some very comical manipulations too numerous to mention.

Just to be contrary, though, we shall cite two, almost 20 years apart — Namely, Sid Luckman first drafted and then dealt to the Bears; and Johnny Unitas being wafted airily out of a Steeler camp without a second look.

The point is that, if his colleagues are to be believed, Parker just doesn't do things like that. It seems, in fact, he's something of a football man's football man. And apparently that Dapper Dan demonstration rather indicated that Pittsburgh fans felt much the same way about him.

They felt, to be exact, that he'd done a pretty tremendous job on a team that wasn't, in any sense, his own.

He'd merely taken what personnel was there just before the regular season opened, after abruptly leaving Detroit in something of a tantrum.

Midway through that season, Parker said privately and pertinently to the writer:

"This without doubt is the worst offensive team I've ever coached."

When the season was over, Parker didn't have to say anything. Anybody with half an eye, in fact, could see what

the Steelers lacked so flagrantly:

First but not necessarily foremost, a running halfback who could go to the outside. Second, an end (preferably two) who could catch the deep pass. Third, at least several young, tough and hefty linemen for the offensive platoon. Fourth, a fullback with plenty of old fashioned crunch.

Parker thinks he drafted the latter in Larry Krutko, from West Virginia, his No. 2 choice.

We watched Kutko against Penn State and one other team whose identity doesn't come readily to mind. At the time, he seemed above average, no more. Above average as a college fullback, we mean. Anyhow, we had seen Ohio State's Bob White against Iowa and no doubt the contrast was a little unfortunate.

Besides, we hadn't "caught" Krutko against Pitt and it so happens that Parker did, which should settle the matter. Meaning, the chances are strong that Buddy knew exactly what he was about. Anyhow, he generally does know — a fact that Paul Brown happened to confirm down at Fort Myers, Fla., this last winter. For said Brown, in re. Krutko:

"If we needed a fullback and Parker hadn't got there first, we'd have put in a draft for that fellow. I figure he'll help the Steelers where they need it."

Paul didn't particularize, as we did a few paragraphs above, but the Steelers are going to need a lot of help in a lot of places.

On that deep pass, for example — Ray Mathews was quite a guy at offensive end during the regular season, using his great speed to get into the clear and his excellent hands for theatrical catches at and near and across the goal.

But Mathews was an absentee for the last five or six games of the '57 season, the reason assigned being a pulled muscle. It seemed like a long time for a thing like that to fail in responding to treatment.

Meanwhile, Earl Morrall, the quarterback, was hampered no end with his passing. He had nobody to throw to, downfield, and everybody in the league knew it — which accounts, in part, for the fact that Morrall had hot and cold days with the pass.

Just what Parker might want to do about Mathews isn't for the writer to surmise, since Parker just isn't saying.

Still, it may be significant that this will be Mathews' eighth season in the pro league, which might tend to make him injury-prone. Another point: The time was when Mathews was identified with the Inner Circle (sic) of Steeler key men, but that time is not now.

Lynn Chandnois is gone. So is Jack Finks and every indication is that Fran Rogel is going. In any case, if Krutko is half the man they think he is, one can expect to see less and less of Rogel this season, if at all.

He's another 9-year man (coming up), which accounts for the fact that early last year Jug Girard caught some climax passes of the long-range variety. But, from mid-season on, his usefulness was confined largely to punting, which isn't difficult to understand.

Jug, since leaving Wisconsin, has already given 10 years to pro football — and that's several too many.

We're aware, of course, that Jack McClairen finished among the league leaders in pass-receiving. However, McClairen's specialty was the left-to-right cut for the short, over-the-line pass which he likes to catch in the old fashioned way, i.e., in his stomach. In fact seldom, if ever, head-high.

Meantime, there are Elbie Nickel, Lowell Perry and Ed Burnett. The latter used to be a good downfield end. But he's fresh out of military service and one just can't tell about that kind after two years in the Army.

Nickel has announced his retirement, was only an occasional pass-catcher anyhow and, after 11 years of NFL football, he'd be a sucker to change his mind now and come back for more.

As for Perry, he was semi-sensational two years ago, both on pass-catching and the end-around play which this reporter persuaded the then Coach Walt Kiesling to incorporate in his repertoire just for Perry's benefit. Unfortunately, the guy got hit three ways simultaneously by about 750 pounds of N. Y. Giants while running downfield and sustained multiple injuries, including a cracked pelvis.

He spent last year as an assistant coach but will try a comeback which one finds hard to believe in, especially with a guy who's probably held together with baling wire and staycomb.

Of the draftees, Dick Lasse, Syracuse end, might well be the man Parker seeks. He was the Steelers' No. 6 choice, anyway, a fact that would seem to indicate that scouting reports on the guy were quite good, to say nothing of his

aerial record, which is even better.

Not much is known of Larry Aldrich, end from Idaho, save that Parker's scouts must have liked him more than a little. He was No. 11 on the Steeler's list, after which they waited a long time before paging another end.

This one was Duke's Bill Thompson, No. 18, followed by Norman Roberts, East Texas State, a few places further down. Ends Dean Akin, Jacksonville State Teachers; Murton Fuquay, Baylor, and Dick Scherer, of Pitt, seemed almost like an after-thought.

The writer, frankly, is unfamiliar with the above young men — save Lasse and Thompson — or what Parker has in mind for them, if anything.

But he does know this much — Unless the Steelers can strike-it-rich somewhere in this heterogeneous mass of recruits or something drastic and lasting can be done about Mathews, the Steelers can be hamstrung all over again. In fact, right from taw.

That's why we've been at some pains to delay mention of Bill Krisher, Oklahoma, and Aurelius Thomas, Ohio State.

Just to keep the books in order, Krisher was Pittsburgh's No. 3 draft this time, whereas Thomas was drafted as a junior the year before — his class having graduated. Both were named on a number of All-American teams at the guard positions last Fall. The other Oklahoma guard, Doyle Jennings, was No. 14 in the Steeler draft, all of which might — just might, you understand — give the club an effective offensive line for the first time in a half-dozen years.

Bud Wilkinson always was quite a fellow for having everybody blocking like all get-out and, while last year's team certainly wasn't one of Wilkinson's best, it would take an especially captious man to fault Oklahoma on its willingness to go around knocking down everything that stood.

Football men pretty well agree, as a matter of fact, that Parker helped himself no little with these choices though, in truth, he didn't have too many coming to him.

Deciding that drastic measures alone were called for, he dealt away eight draft choices even before last season started with a number of "hardship trades" he hoped would help the Steelers where they hurt most. They had made Purdue's Len Dawson their No. 1 draft choice the year before, but Parker at once decided that Dawson wasn't ready to play quarterback in the National League.

So he set out to take title to Morrall, then sitting on the bench in San Francisco. Even so, he paid the high dollar for the guy, giving up in return a ranking line-backer and the club's No. 1 draft choice.

Dawson, thereafter, was sidelined except on one occasion. That was the time Parker let him start a game against the Eagles rather late in the season and, for some minutes, Len was more than merely adequate. Then he fumbled, the Steelers lost the ball and that was it. From then on, Morrall did the quarterbacking and he wasn't bad — all things considered.

Parker, in fact, must have considered him pretty good, for Buddy drafted only one college quarterback for 1958 — Floyd Dellenger, of Texas Tech — and then only away back at No. 27.

Considering that Buddy had dealt six of his first nine draft choices to the 49ers, the Colts and Lions, it was a little surprising that he went to a team like Marquette for No. 10. The latter was Center Ray Campbell, who must have come highly recommended to rate third-call among Pittsburgh's actual choices.

But then the lore of pro football is steeped in the unique—i. e., brash young gents from obscure teams who promptly hit the headlines with a thump.

In this way, Ed Sears from Florida may turn out to be a better back than Leroy Reed from Mississippi, though Reed not only played with a better football team but was one of its top personnel. However, the writer has it from several reliable sources that Sears could very well be a "sleeper" among Parker's draft choices — But . . .

The Steelers themselves, i.e., Parker, would seem to rate George Volkert, from Georgia Tech, higher than either Reed or Sears. As to that, Reed may be shifted to an offensive end position, if he seems adaptable. How much "contact" Volkert has had since he got out of Tech is something no one rightly knows, meanwhile. And it's doubted if Sears has the initial speed to be a good halfback, anyhow.

Volkert was drafted two years ago from Tech's Sugar Bowl champions and has spent the rest of the time in the Army, which is a good thing for Uncle Sam but frequently bad for athletes, notably football players.

That makes Volkert a gamble, alike with End Ed Bernet, also due for military release in time for this year's campaign. Bernet, of course, had two right good years of professional football in his background before the military people stepped up and told him he was wanted elsewhere.

Parker, though, isn't as concerned about the catcher of the long pass as he is about the halfback who can go outside for yardage.

"We had some pretty fair running backs last year," he said yesterday. "But pretty fair isn't enough in this league. For one thing, none of them was big enough.

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Left to right: Guard John Nisby, Guard Dale Dodrill, and Back Dick Young.

Left to right: End and Center George Tarhsovic, Tackle Dave Leddick, LB John Reger.

Dean Derby (27) and Gary Glick (26) close in on Card end making vain try for pass.

"For another, they didn't have the running savvy needed to become really adequate. You've got to be a real smart runner up here."

Just who's smart about it and who isn't is something nobody'll know till the time comes. Art Davis, drafted two years ago from Mississippi State, is said by those who saw him quite often in action to be exactly the type Parker is talking about.

But Davis got hurt in the NFL-College All Star game that summer and, so far as this writer knows to the contrary, never even sat on the Steeler bench in the meantime.

The word is he's a man of considerable artistry, but brittle, and the thinking now — with a comeback scheduled — is to use him at offensive end.

That still leaves the running halfback situation up in the clouds, since Billy Wells and Sid Watson — small and not smart runners, in the Parker tradition — were inadequate last year. The only way out apparently is a trade, to wit, one of those "hardship" deals such as Parker made last Fall.

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Only this time he has considerably less to offer and couldn't, at a showdown, afford to sacrifice *that*.

So Parker, known as an offensive coach, may find himself falling back upon the old Pittsburgh bulwark—defense. However, as said, you can't win a game that way—you can only save one that has been already won.

We shall get to that presently, meantime, taking up the attacking line whose hope is invested (as previously pointed out) in Bill Krisher and Aurelius Thomas at the guard positions. However, it may be as well to sum up the ahead-of-the-ball linemen, at least as of last year, in Jack Butler's flippant words at a recent banquet:

"We had an offensive line that was so tough that even our own backs couldn't get through."

As an immediate result, Earl Morrall had to go to the pass more often than a diversified attack would care to be caught doing. In fact, upon reviewing the general Steeler situation, one is moved to mild wonder as to just how they (and Parker) managed to end up at .500 in 12 games.

Naturally, they'd never have done it without a defensive unit that happened to be very close to the best in the league. In other words, you had to beat these guys in the defense platoon. They almost never beat themselves. Just to name a few, there were Dale Dodrill, George Tarasovic, Ernie Stoutner and Jack Butler, the latter having led the league in pass interceptions. But Stoutner, Dodrill and Butler are getting up in the paints.

Willie McClung had his moments, too. However, he may or may not be shifted to the offensive unit—depending on how things work out in pre-season training.

That'll show how much Pittsburgh is depending on Larry Krutko for quick-opening plays this year, not only to set up its passing game but to keep the opposing team fairly tight, defensively. And, therefore, not always in a position to gang up on the Steelers' running halfbacks, if any.

Just what may be the psychological effect of playing the Steeler home games at Pitt Stadium, instead of Forbes Field, is anybody's guess.

Acutally, nothing has had much effect on the Steelers in more than 25 years of NFL football, but . . .

There are a surprising number of people who think Buddy Parker, gradually and steadily, will change all that. ■

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Nov. 16, New York
Nov. 23, at Chi-Cards
Nov. 30, Chi-Bears
Dec. 7, at Washington
Dec. 14, Chi-Cards

1957 REGULAR SEASON RESULTS

Washington 7, Steelers 28
Cleveland 23, Steelers 12
Cardinals 20, Steelers 29
New York 35, Steelers 0
Philadelphia 0, Steelers 6
Baltimore 13, Steelers 19
Cleveland 24, Steelers 0
Green Bay 27, Steelers 10
Philadelphia 7, Steelers 6
New York 19, Steelers 21
Washington 10, Steelers 3
Cardinals 2, Steelers 27

Galloping Billy Welles, speedster back, starts skirt around end.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS' FINAL STATISTICS—1957

	Pitts.	Opp.
First downs rushing	59	69
First donws passing	92	77
First downs penalty	8	10
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	159	156
Yards gained rushing (net)	1174	1425
Yards gained passing (net)	1716	1366
TOTAL YARDS GAINED (NET)	2890	2791
FORWARD PASSES ATTEMPTED	312	234
Passes completed	149	112
Passes intercepted by	19	14
Yards interceptions returned by	195	230
Yards gained passing	2013	1517
Yards lost attempted passes	297	157
PUNTS (NUMBER)	70	62

	Pitts.	Opp.
Total distance (Yds.)	2829	2548
Average distance	40.1	41.0
Punts returned by	51	45
Yards punts returned by	276	324
KICK-OFFS RETURNED BY (NUMBER)	26	35
Yards kick-offs returned by	600	704
PENALTIES (NUMBER)	48	43
Yards penalized	405	369½
FUMBLES	39	39
Opponents' fumbles recovered	23	18
Number of rushing attempts	390	412
Average per rush	3.0	3.4
Touchdowns made rushing	6	8
Touchdowns made passing	11	11

	Pitts.	Opp.
Touchdowns made thru pass interceptions	0	0
Touchdowns made on punt returns	0	0
Touchdowns made on kickoff returns	1	0
Touchdowns made on Blocked Kick	1	0
Touchdowns made on recovered fumble	1	1
TOTALS	20	21
Points after touchdown attempts	20	21
Points after touchdown made	15	20
Field goals attempted	26	18
Field goals made	8	10

Rushing	No.	Yds.	Lg.	TD	Avg.
Wells	154	532	51	0	
Rogel	68	232	23	1	
Young	56	153	14	2	
Morrall	41	81	35	2	
Bowman	28	76	13	0	
Derby	18	49	7	1	
Dawson	3	31	27	0	
Watson	12	21	12	0	
Hughes	2	6	4	0	
Kemp	3	−1	4	0	
Mathews	3	−1	6	0	
Girard	2	−5	−3	0	
Totals	390	1174	51	6	3.0

Punting	No.	Yds.	Lg.	Avg.	Blkd.
Girard	68	2774	56	40.5	0
Kemp	3	55	35	27.5	0
Totals	70	2829	56	40.1	0

Pass Receiving	No.	Yds.	Lg.	TD
McClairen	46	630	48	2
Girard	21	419	46	4
Mathews	15	369	64	4
Rogel	20	128	18	0
Nickel	10	115	31	1
Wells	14	89	17	0
Bowman	11	107	21	0
Derby	4	79	36	0
Watson	3	24	11	0
Young	4	38	12	0
Richards	1	15	15	0
Totals	149	2013	64	11

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds.	Lg.	TD
Wells	12	325	t96	1
Bruney	5	101	31	0
Derby	6	137	30	0
Alban	2	33	22	0
Rogel	1	4	4	0
Totals	26	600	t96	1

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	Lg.	TD
Wells	21	143	30	0
Bruney	17	86	15	0
Derby	9	32	14	0
Hughes	1	5	5	0
Butler	1	10	10	0
Rozzell	1	0	0	0
Glick	1	0	0	0
Totals	51	276	30	0

Pass Interceptions	No.	Yds.	Lg.	TD
Butler	10	85	20	0
Dodrill	2	50	44	0
Tarasovic	2	21	11	0
Alban	1	35	35	0
Rozzell	1	4	4	0
Glick	2	0	0	0
Bruney	1	0	0	0
Totals	19	195	44	

Passing	No.	Comp.	Yds.	Lg.	TDP	IP	YR	YL	Pct. IP
Morrall	289	139	1900	64	11	12	230	274	4.2
Kemp	18	8	88	21	0	2	0	22	
Dawson	4	2	25	15	0	0	0	1	
Girard	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	312	149	2013	64	11	14	230	297	4.5

Scoring	TDR	TDP	TOT	XPA	XPM	FGA	FGM	S	TPS
Girard	0	4	4	3	2	3	1	—	29
Glick	0	0	0	12	10	18	5	—	25
Mathews	0	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	24
Derby	1	0	1	3	3	4	2	—	15
Morrall	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	12
McClairen	0	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	12
Young	2	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	12
Nickel	0	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	6
Rogel	1	0	1	—	—	—	—	—	6
Wells	1(kor)	0	1	—	—	—	—	—	6
O'Neil	1(bk)	0	1	—	—	—	—	—	6
Reger	1(rf)	0	1	—	—	—	—	—	6
McPeak	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Dawson	—	—	—	2	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	9	11	20	20	15	26	8	1	161

1958 PITTSBURGH STEELERS' ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
Bernet, Ed	E	6-3	205	SMU
Davis, Art	E	6-2	195	Mississippi St.
Mathews, Ray	E	6-0	190	Clemson
McClairen, Jack	E	6-4	215	Bethune-Cookman
Richards, Perry	E	6-2	205	Detroit
Tarasovio, George	E	6-4	250	LSU
Michael, Bill	T	6-3	240	Ohio State U.
McClung, Willie	T	6-3	250	Florida A & M
Varichione, Frank	T	6-2	230	Notre Dame
Krupa, Joe	T	6-2	240	Purdue
Liddick, Dave	T	6-2	250	George Washington
Stautner, Ernie	T	6-2	235	Boston College
Nisby, John	G	6-1	230	College of Pacific
Sandusky, Mike	G	6-0	235	Maryland
Dodrill, Dale	G	6-1	215	Colorado A & M
Beatty, Ed	C	6-3	235	U. of Mississippi
Leahy, Jerry	LB	6-2	220	Colorado

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
Priatko, Bill	LB	6-1	220	Pitt
Reger, John	LB	6-0	220	Pitt
Dawson, Len	QB	6-0	180	Purdue
Kemp, Jack	QB	6-1	190	Occidental
Morrall, Earl	QB	6-2	205	Michigan St.
Wells, Billy	HB	5-9	175	Michigan St.
Watson, Sid	HB	5-10	185	Northeastern
Alban, Dick	HB	6-0	195	Northwestern
Bruney, Fred	HB	5-11	180	Ohio State U.
Butler, Jack	HB	6-1	195	St. Bonaventure
Cichowski, Gene	HB	6-0	185	Indiana
Derby, Dean	HB	6-0	185	Washington
Glick, Gary	HB	6-1	190	Colorado A & M
McCabe, Richard	HB	6-1	185	Pitt
Bowman, Bill	FB	6-2	215	William & Mary
Rogel, Fran	FB	5-10	205	Penn State
Young, Dick	FB	5-10	205	Chattanooga

STEELERS' 1958 DRAFT LIST

(Top Choices Listed in Order)

Larry Krutko, back, West Virginia
Bill Krishner, guard, Oklahoma
Dick Lasse, end, Syracuse
Ray Campbell, center, Marquette
Larry Aldrich, end, Idaho
Leroy Reed, back, Mississippi
James Yore, back, Indiana
Doyle Jennings, guard, Oklahoma
Ed Sears, back, Florida
John Perkins, tackle, Mississippi Southern
Joe Lewis, tackle, Compton
Bill Austin, center, Auburn
Gene Keady, back, Kansas State
George Johnson, tackle, Wake Forest
Everette Jones, guard, Utah
Bill Thompson, end, Duke
Ken Trowbridge, back, North Carolina State
Norman Roberts, end, E. Texas State
Bill Groce, back, N. Texas State
Jon Evans, end, Oklahoma A & M
Floyd Dellenger, quarterback, Texas Tech.
Dean Akin, end, Jacksonville St. Teachers
Murton Fuquay, end. Baylor
Dick Scherer, end, Pitt

EASTERN DIVISION

REDSKINS

Team spirit and confidence spur Washington hopes

By Bus Ham
The Washington Post

Jim Padoley, above, Ed Sutton and Don Bosseler, opposite page, were inseparable as rookies, providing the big Redskins punch.

Ed Sutton

Don Bosseler

PROFESSIONAL athletes quickly learn that it is unwise to disclose the slightest degree of optimism. It is far smarter to appear to be conservative, but building all the while a deep-seated determination to beat the bejabbers out of somebody.

This fairly accurately sums up the attitude of the Washington Redskins toward the 1958 professional football season. They aren't talking much but there is an unmistakeable atmosphere of quiet resolution in the Redskins camp. The players believe in themselves; are fully convinced they have a fighting chance to get in on the National League championship showdown.

They may seem somewhat inconsistent for a team that won five, lost six and tied one last season, and was able to win only one of six pre-season games. But it is nonetheless true and this confidence apparently is based on good and sufficient reasons.

First, there is a profound team spirit on the Redskins, sharpened by encouraging experiences late in the 1957 campaign. When the last football was kicked in December's cold climes, the Redskins were racing along on a three-game winning streak; 14-3 over Chicago Bears; 42-7 over Philadelphia, and 10-3 over Pittsburgh.

Earlier, the Redskins had impressively beaten the New York Giants, defending champions, 31-14, and tied by 30-30 the Cleveland Browns, who were to become 1957 division champions.

On the final day of the season at Griffith stadium, Washington's fans were so elated over the improvement in Coach Joe Kuharich's boys that they indulged in an emotional outburst, something rare in this staid town.

The fans not only gave the players a rousing farewell from the stands but hundreds rushed onto the field to extend personal congratulations.

Gene Brito, veteran defensive end, was swept off his feet and onto the shoulders of dozens of admirers.

This demonstration did something to the innards of the oldtimers on the team.

Before the squad broke up and headed for their far-flung winter homes, the players talked about next season, and some of the veterans discovered they all were thinking the same thing: That here was a team with a surging desire to win a championship; maybe they ought to give it one more fling.

Brito and Guard Dick Stanfel, looked up to as the real leaders of the team, indicated they would have another go at it, if things worked out satisfactorily. Apparently they have for Brito flew back to Washington from the West Coast for a "Gene Brito Day" at the Touchdown Club, and signed to play "one more season." That set the example for everybody else so that Kuharich will find on hand an eager mixture of veterans and youngsters when the Redskins assemble for pre-season conditioning at Occidental College in Los Angeles.

Kuharich's problem as he goes about putting his 1958 team together will be just the opposite of what it was a year ago.

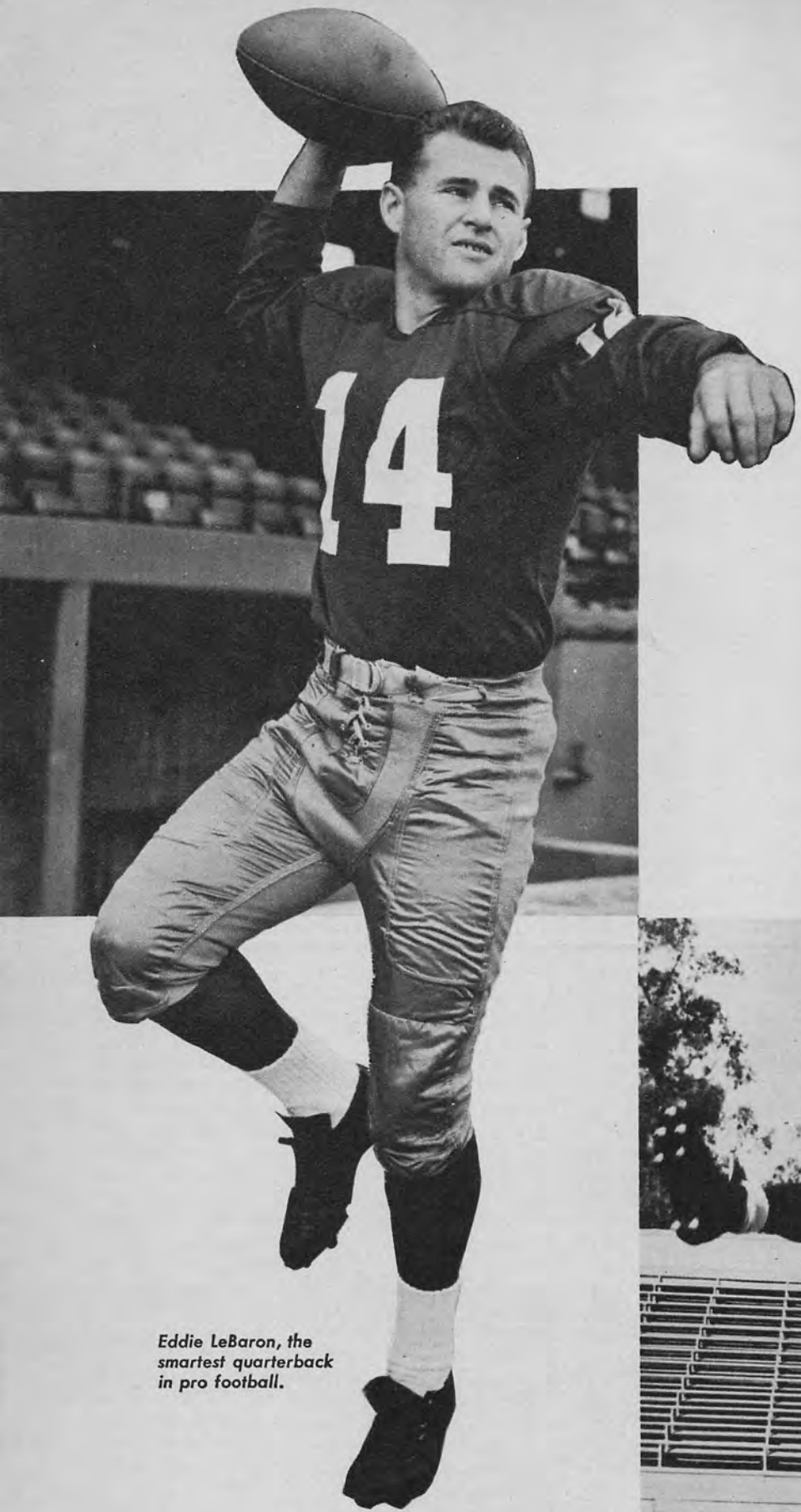
Then it appeared to be a shaky attack; this time it is a porous pass defense. A year ago, Kuharich had almost a pat hand on defense, with a veteran in almost every position. But misfortune struck a week before the team left for camp. Roy Barni, key man in the deep defensive unit and a go-get-'em guy, was killed in a cafe shooting.

The Redskins were thrown so far off balance by Barni's loss, that other defenders lost their poise and the team did not begin to jell against enemy passes until midway in the season.

Determined that there shall be no repetition of last fall's sad experiences when long passes frequently bombed the Redskins, Kuharich has hunted out tall, fast young men to fit into his pass defense.

At least eight rangy lads fresh out of college ranks will get a chance at the Redskins wings and safety positions along with some sprightly returnees.

Fred Bruney, Ohio State; Stan Flowers, Georgia Tech; Charley Dupre, Bay-



Eddie LeBaron, the smartest quarterback in pro football.

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lor and brother of Baltimore's "Long Gone" Dupre; Dick Lynch, Notre Dame, who scored the touchdown that beat Oklahoma; Charley Sanders, West Texas State; Myrel Moore, California Tech; Bill Anderson, Tennessee, and Dan Nolan, Lehigh, are hopeful newcomers.

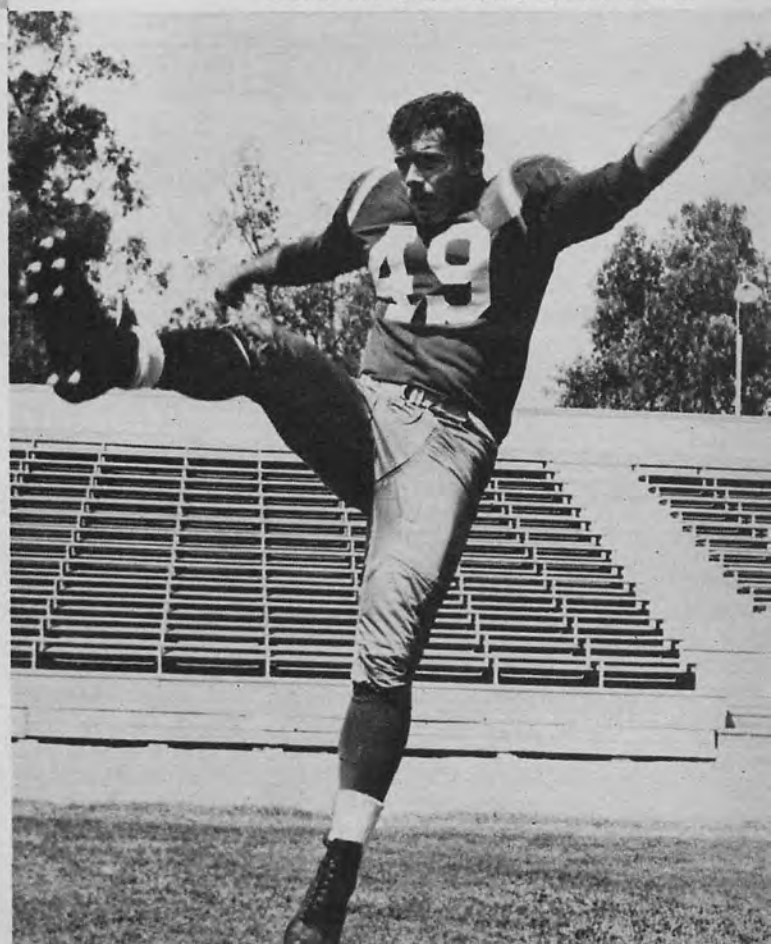
They'll find Joe Walton and Tom Braatz, who made good last fall as yearlings, and Bert Zagers, Dick James, Norb Hecker and Joe Scudero around to keep the competition lively.

Kuharich has no particular worries about manning the forward trenches defensively for up there are such stalwart old war horses as Chuck Drazonovich, Chet Ostrowski, Torgy Torgeson, Ralph Felton and the incomparable Brito.

True, the Redskins no longer possess the two men who were regular defensive tackles at this time last year, Volney Peters and J. D. Kimmel. They figured in recent trades, but younger men like Will Renfro, Ed Khayat and Don Owens have developed to Kuharich's complete satisfaction.

What Kuharich is hoping for in particular is that his defensive play will

End Gene Brito, inspirational team leader, returns this year hoping to win a title.



shape up so rapidly this fall that he can afford to switch one of his prize backs, Bert Zagers, over to the offensive unit.

Zagers was among the league's standouts last season at running back punts and kickoffs but saw little service on the attack simply because his speed and alertness were desperately needed against enemy passing attacks.

If Zagers can shift to the offense this year, the Redskins envisage a running game that may well be one-two in the league.

They would have Sophomore Ed Sutton and Freshman Mike Sommer at left half, Zagers and Sophomore Jim Podoley at right half, Sophomore Don Bosseler and veterans Leo Elter and Jack Baker, one of the game's great field-goal kickers, at fullback.

Sutton, Podoley and Bosseler will be remembered as the bright young men who stepped into regular positions in the Redskins backfield, fresh from the College All-Star game in Chicago, and won acclaim as perhaps the best freshman backfield in the league's history. Each averaged approximately four

Fullback Jack Baker. His toes pick up 3 pointers from way out when attack falters.

Guard Dick Stanfel is perhaps the finest offensive lineman in professional football.

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yards per carry and Bosseler scored 7 touchdowns to six each for Sutton and Podoley.

Sommer is a 9.8 speedster out of George Washington university who is expected to make good as swiftly as Sutton, Podoley and Bosseler did. Sommer was the team's No. 1 draft choice and may be the break-away runner that Kuharich is looking for.

If the Redskins are thin any place in the backfield it is at quarterback where they have the smartest little man in the business, Eddie LeBaron, but they need another good man to backstop him.

LeBaron recovered fully from a knee operation following the 1956 season and was a mighty busy field general last fall, playing regularly with little relief.

He threw 11 touchdown passes, completed 99 of 167 and his remarkable ability to deceive the opposition by concealing the ball had a great deal to do with the first-season success of Sutton, Bosseler and Podoley.

Ralph Guglielmi, Notre Dame star of a few years ago, could relieve the quarterbacking situation, if he is released from service in time.

Guglielmi has been starring for the Bolling Air Force Base team in Washington after demonstrating in one season with the Redskins that he can direct a professional team as well as he once did the Irish.

Ten of 11 regulars will be back to give Kuharich a tailor-made offensive unit, only the right end position being wide open.

Stanfel and Red Stephens, considered the best pair of blocking guards in the league, will team up again with Don Bell, back for his sixth year, and Ray Lemek, Notre Damer who made good as a freshman pro, working at the tackles.

The Redskins will have a heavy Notre Dame accent and another Irish product, Jim Schrader, will be on the job again at center.

Johnny Carson, golfer and Georgian with two of the surest pass-catching hands in the league, has his old spot at end pretty well fastened down, but there will be a struggle for the other end.

Sophomores Joe Walter, all-America at Pitt, and Tom Braatz, out of Marquette, would like to have the job but they may have to first dispose of one of the promising rookies, Bill Anderson, 6-3, from Tennessee.

Another newcomer likely to receive close attention is Dan Nolan, whose quarterbacking record at little Lehigh was impressive. He is 6-1, 187 pounds and would like to understudy LeBaron.

Advancing years of about a dozen of the Redskins' most reliable players could play sneaky tricks on Kuharich but he has tried to establish safeguards against such a possibility by bringing along younger men at a fast pace.

Last year, exactly 11 first-year-men saw almost as much action as the veterans.

As further evidence of Washington's faith in the Kuharich regime, President George Preston Marshall of the Redskins has given Kuharich a 5-year contract.

This is without precedent for a Redskin coach, and Kuharich's assistants have signed for three years, creating a deep feeling of stability all around.

In the championship race, the teams most feared by the Redskins are the Cleveland Browns in the east and the Chicago Bears in the west.

So long as Paul Brown is coaching the Browns, they'll play hard, smart, almost flawless football every Sunday, and they are the ones the Redskins must beat out in their own division.

The Bears probably were the victims of too much pre-season ballyhoo last year. They were everybody's choice to win the title.

Now they should have their feet back on the ground, and Rick Casares and company are big and tough and fast enough to wipe out past indignities visited on the Bears.

This is particularly true because Papa Bear of them all, George Halas, will be on the bench running the club and drawing on a deeper store of strategy than any other man in the business. ■

End John Carson is the man to whom the Redskins throw when there's an emergency.

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Washington 17, Cleveland 21.
Washington 17, Baltimore 21.
Washington 30, Cleveland 30.
Washington 12, Philadelphia 21.
Washington 14, Chicago Bears 3.
Washington 42, Philadelphia 7.
Washington 10, Pittsburgh 3.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS' FINAL STATISTICS—1957

	Redskins	Opponnents
First Downs Rushing	107	82
First Downs Passing	78	89
First Downs Penalty	12	3
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	197	174
Yards Gained Rushing (Net)	1873	1567
Yards Gained Passing (Net)	1621	2003
TOTAL YARDS GAINED (Net)	3494	3570
FORWARD PASSES ATTEMPTED	201	262
Passes Completed	109	135
Passes Intercepted	13	16
Passes Intercepted by	16	13
Yards Interceptions Returned	201	177
PUNTS (Number)	50	59
Total Distance	2139	2335
Average Distance	42.8	39.6
Punts Returned by	44	35
Yards Punts Returned	460	88
KICK-OFFS RETURNED BY (No.)	38	43
Yards Kick-offs returned by	874	974
PENALTIES (Number)	31	65
Yards Penalized	321	599
FUMBLES	30	22
Opponents' Fumbles Recovered	12	17
TD's Running	19	13
TD's Passing	11	17
TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS	30	30
Extra Points	29	29
Field Goals	14	7
Field Goal Atts.	23	14
Safeties	0	0
TOTAL POINTS	251	230

Ball Carrying	Att's	Yds.	Long.	Avg.
Bosseler	167	673	28	4.0
Podoley	114	442	33	3.9
Sutton	108	407	31	3.8
Elter	45	221	22	4.9
Scudero	9	60	43	6.7
Runnels	20	52	18	2.6
James	7	19	8	2.7
Baker	2	23	12	11.5
Bukich	8	–2	16	—
LeBaron	20	–8	11	—

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Long.	TDs	Avge.
Carson	33	560	38	3	17.0
Podoley	27	554	82	4	20.5
Bosseler	19	152	25	0	8.0
Meilinger	13	183	34	2	14.1
Elter	6	94	49	1	15.7
Walton	3	57	24	0	19.0
Braatz	2	52	37	0	26.0
Sutton	2	32	17	0	16.0
Scudero	2	30	18	0	15.0
Runnels	1	4	4	0	4.0

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yards	Long.	Avg.
Zagers	15	348	35	23.2
James	12	259	38	21.6
Scudero	3	95	45	31.7
Runnels	2	66	38	33.0
Podoley	3	56	24	18.7
Sutton	1	19	19	19.0
Khayat	1	12	12	12.0

Pass Interceptions	No.	Yds. Ret.	TDs
Shula	3	48	0
Hecker	3	39	0
Zagers	2	29	0
Drazenovich	2	6	0
James	2	3	0
Walton	1	55	0
Sutton	1	11	0
Felton	1	6	0
Torgeson	1	6	0

Punting	No.	Yards	Long.	Avg.
Baker	50	2139	63	42.8

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	Long.	Avg.
Zagers	14	217	76	15.5
Scudero	9	84	21	9.3
James	11	83	27	7.5
Runnels	10	76	16	7.6

Scoring	TDs	EP	FG	Total
Baker	1	29	14	77
Bosseler	7	0	0	42
Sutton	6	0	0	36
Podoley	6	0	0	36
Carson	3	0	0	18
Elter	3	0	0	18
Zagers	2	0	0	12
Meilinger	2	0	0	12

Field Goals	Style	Att.	Made	Long.
Baker	Place Kicks	23	14	45

Passing	Passes	Comp.	Yards	Longest	TDs	Intcpd.
LeBaron	167	99	1508	82	11	9
Bukich	28	6	103	23	0	2
Sutton	5	3	95	51	0	0
Runnels	1	1	35	35	0	0

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Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College
Sam Baker	FB	6-1	217	Oregon State
Don Bosseler	FB	6-1	212	Miami of Florida
Chuck Drazenovich	FB	6-1	222	Penn State
Leo Elter	FB	5-10	200	Villanova-Duquesne
Ralph Felton	FB	5-11	201	Maryland
Bill Hicks	FB	6-1	225	Jacksonville (Ga.) St.
Phil Perlo	FB	5-11½	205	Maryland
Bill Anderson	HB	6-3	195	Tennessee
Fred Bruney	HB	5-10	180	Ohio State
Ed Coffin	HB	5-11	200	Syracuse
Charles Dupre	HB	6-1	204	Baylor
Stan Flowers	HB	6-1	200	Georgia Tech
Norb Hecker	HB	6-1	200	Baldwin-Wallace
Dick James	HB	5-10	180	Oregon
Dick Lynch	HB	6-1	192	Notre Dame
Myral Moore	HB	6-1	202	California Tech
Jim Podoley	HB	6-2	191	Central Michigan
Tom Runnels	HB	5-10	190	North Texas State
Charley Sanders	HB	5-11	195	West Texas State
Joe Scudero	HB	5-10	171	San Francisco
Mike Sommer	HB	5-11	187	George Washington
Ed Sutton	HB	6-1	202	North Carolina
Bert Zagers	HB	5-10	185	Michigan State
Rudy Bukich	QB	6-1	200	Southern Calif.
Eddie LeBaron	QB	5-7	165	College of Pacific
Dan Nolan	QB	6-1	187	Lehigh
Tom Braatz	E	6-1	213	Marquette
Gene Brito	E	6	229	Loyola
Jack Brumfield	E	6-1	230	Mississippi Southern
John Carson	E	6-2½	202	Georgia

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College
Bob Dee	E	6-3	225	Holy Cross
Darrell Dess	E	6	225	North Carolina St.
Bill Kundrat	E	6-4½	225	Idaho
Chet Ostrowski	E	6-½	235	Notre Dame
Louis Pelham	E	6-3	220	Florida
Jerry Philp	E	5-11	180	Florida State
Joe Walton	E	5-11½	205	Pittsburgh
John Barish	T	6-3	249	Waynesboro
Don Boll	T	6-2	266	Nebraska
Jack Davis	T	6-2	232	Arizona
Don Glantz	T	6-1	225	Nebraska
Ed Khayat	T	6-3	240	Tulane
Ray Lemek	T	6	232	Notre Dame
Don Owens	T	6-5	258	Mississippi Southern
Ben Preston	T	6-2	220	Auburn
Will Renfro	T	6-5	240	Memphis State
Bill Fulcher	G	6	190	Georgia Tech
Galen Laack	G	6	230	College of Pacific
Menil Mavraides	G	6-1	235	Notre Dame
Ed Michaels	G	6-2	215	Villanova
Dick Stanfel	G	6-3	230	San Francisco
Red Stephens	G	6	230	San Francisco
Ed Voytek	G	6-2	230	Purdue
Paul Djubasak	G	6	230	Notre Dame
Johnny Allen	C	6-2½	228	Purdue
Frank Kuchta	C	6-2½	226	Notre Dame
Dan Radakovich	C	6-2	208	Penn State
Jim Schrader	C	6-2½	232	Notre Dame
Torgy Torgeson	C	6	217	Washington State

REDSKINS' 1958 DRAFT LIST

(Top Choices Listed in Order)

Mike Sommer, back, George Washington
Stan Flowers, back, Georgia Tech
Bill Anderson, back, Tennesse
Dan Nolan, quarterback, Lehigh
Jim Van Pelt, quarterback, Michigan
Dick Lynch, back, Notre Dame
Leon Bennett, tackle, Boston College
Buddy Payne, end, North Carolina Univ.
Frank W. Kuchta, center, Notre Dame
Ben Preston, tackle, Auburn

Darrell Dess, tackle, North Carolina State
Ed Michaels, guard, Villanova
Ken Ford, quarterback, Hardin-Simmons
Jack Farls, end, Penn State
Jack Davis, tackle, Arizona Univ.
Fred Polzer, end, Virginia
Fred Wilt, tackle, Richmond University
Len King, back, Connecticut Univ.
Don Stephenson, center, Georgia Tech
Louis Pelham, end, Florida University

Jack Simpson, guard, Mississippi
Charles Sanders, back, West Texas State
Ron Schomburger, end, Florida State
Rod Hanson, end, Illinois
John Groom, guard, TCU
Frank Bloomquist, guard, Iowa
Perry Gehring, end, Minnesota
Joe Biggs, guard, Hardin-Simmons
Bob Coffin, back, Syracuse
Ted Smith, end, Georgia Tech

Bill Barnes battles his way to first down in Eagles' 17-7 victory over Cleveland last year.

EASTERN DIVISION

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Big problem in throw-and-catch department, says Buck Shaw

By Hugh Brown
Philadelphia Bulletin

OPTIMISM is forever fashionable in football circles, and this season the Philadelphia Eagles are giving it the full chemise treatment because of several favorable developments that ensued since the close of their next-to-the-bottom finish of 1957.

First and foremost is the acquisition of a brand-new coaching staff headed by the redoubtable Lawrence T. (Buck) Shaw, who is not only a handsome gent of persuasive qualities, but a helluva organizer and a coach, to boot.

Right behind the hiring of Shaw, of San Francisco 49ers and Santa Clara fame, was the drafting and signing of some large and agile beef to bolster an already good raft of runners and a fair-to-middling offensive line.

Trades, too, have been made, or are in the offing, with the Eagles in a clever bargaining position because their collection of coveted ball carriers, some of whom could be dispensable because of their weight of numbers.

But like the rest of the pro coaching fraternity, Shaw has his problems, and from what he has seen of films of 12 Eagle games of 1957, they center around the inseparable problems of catching and throwing. Shaw, in short, needs major help at the quarterbacking spot

Gern Nagler of Cardinals (dark jersey, right background) cuts in sharply from sideline to take pass from Lamar McHan in game against Philadelphia last November. Bob Hudson (covering Nagler) made tackle.

and some shoring up at the ends.

"From my years of experience in pro football," Shaw said. "Throw and catch is 75 percent of the game."

While compiling a dismal four win, eight loss record in 1957, the Eagles presented a minimum of throwing and catching. Statistically, they were at the bottom of the league heap in both categories, with three quarterbacks attempting only 204 passes and completing 99 for a 48.5 average. Most of the completions, though, were of the short, timid variety as illustrated by Bobby Thomason's 6.78 yard average per throw, Sonny Jurgensen's 6.71 average and Al Dorow's 5.69.

Amid this state of affairs, the Eagles' two veteran ends, Bobby Walston and Bill Stribling were virtually unemployed all during the 1957 season.

Stribbling caught 14 passes for 194 yards and one touchdown, while Walston "rookie of the year" in 1951, and heretofore a terror on reception, snared only 11 for 266 yards and one TD. The leading pass catcher was a halfback, rookie Bill Barnes from Wake Forest, who incidentally, also was the team's leading ground gainer with 529 yards in 143 carries and a 3.7 average.

Following the pattern of 1956, the Eagle quarterbacks again were bedeviled with interceptions, tossing 23 passes into the hands of opponents for 340 wrong-way yards.

"We know in our minds," we had good receivers," Eagle general manager Vince McNally observed. "Naturally, that brings up the problem of quarterbacking."

Thomason came out of retirement after the pre-game schedule of six games had resulted in no wins. But, only in two games, did he approximate the skills of four previous seasons with the Eagles.

Jurgensen was a willing worker, and at times a good one, but he was a rookie, schooled in the split *T* of Duke University, and the transition to the straight T was a difficult one.

The Eagles' third quarterback, Dorow, who was obtained in a trade with Washington, never did get much opportunity to show anything, and when he did, he had a habit of wheeling out of the pocket too often.

Shaw, together with his first assistant Jerry Williams, ran and re-ran the Eagles films of last season, setting an average time limit of five seconds from the center snap to the time the quarterback throws it.

They discovered that on numerous occasions, Eagle quarterbacks were waiting as long as 11 seconds before firing at a target.

McNally, an old Notre Dame quarterback himself, had this to say of the result:

"Our quarterbacks constantly were being dumped and pass patterns messed up. Normally, Walston and Stribbling would catch 40 to 50 passes a season. Their 1957 combined total of 25 speaks for itself."

Naturally, the Eagles had to do something about this intolerable situation if they hoped to become an Eastern Division contender instead of a chronic also-ran. At this writing, they are burning the telegraph wires and enriching the phone company in an attempt to land a genuine, first-string quarterback.

Another name that is heard in loud whispers around the Eagle aerie, is that of Georgie Shaw, the wonder boy from Oregon, who was almost as wonderful with the Baltimore Colts until sandlotter Johnny Unitas came along with even more lustre.

Buck Shaw is understood to be "high" on Georgie Shaw, but the Colts coach, Weeb Ewbank, professes to hold the same feeling for his No. 2 boy. At the NFL meeting in January, Ewbank said "the people in Baltimore would hang me if I traded Shaw." At the same time, he was putting in a plug for Gary Kerkorian, his No. 3 passer.

In any trade, the Eagles are sure of

one thing: they will have to part with a lot of talent for any first-class pattern. The Colts, for instance, would insist on Jerry Norton, a splendid offensive and defensive back, and a fine punter, too. The lack of both is believed to be the reason for the Colts not winning the Western Division championship last year.

If Norton should go, the Eagles would entrust their punting to Clarence Peaks, the former Michigan State halfback, who had a standout freshman season at Philadelphia.

Also, a good defensive back, Lee Riley, is returning from the military. Shaw could do some shuffling to bolster his pass defense like shifting offensive end-halfbacks Pete Retzlaff and Rocky Ryan to the defensive secondary.

Early this year, the Eagles consummated one trade of some significance. They swapped Menil Mavraides, 230-pound offensive guard and former Notre Dame All-American, to the Washington Redskins for 245-pound Volney Peters, 30-year-old veteran who can play both ways.

Shaw is convinced that over the long haul, 230-pound guards just can't stand up under the pounding of 260-pound opponents. To this end, he is contemplating several major shifts in his offensive alignment.

It would be no great surprise if 245-pound Chuck Bednarik, perennial All-Pro linebacker, were shifted over to offensive center. Chuck, himself, would not mind the change because he figures that at 32, he would still be good for three more years at what he considers a "softer" job.

This would free John Simerson, the 260-pound Hawaiian sophomore, for a guard assignment, teaming him up with Ken Huxhold, a rugged, 240-pounder who was the Eagles' best blocker last season. The tackles would be Proverb Jacobs, 255-pound, 6-4, No. 2 draftee from the University of California, plus the veterans Bob Gaona, 6-3, 240; Len Szafaryn, 6-3, 235; Dick Chorovich, 6-4, 265-pound free agent; Buck Lansford, 6-3, 232.

In the draft ,the Eagles believe they may have picked up several offensive line prospects, including tackle Len Mansfield, 6-4, 245, from Pittsburgh (Kans.) Teachers and Mike Meatheringham, 6-6, 235, from Georgia.

Nobody took too many liberties last season with the Eagle defensive line despite the pre-season loss of 275-pound Jess Richardson, six year veteran. This probably will be pretty much of a stand-pat arrangement with Richardson, Marion Campbell, Jim Weatherall, Sid Youngelman and Tom Saidock, all giants, at the tackles and middle guard spots, plus Tom Scott and Bob Hudson, both veterans, at the ends.

Even if Bednarik does go over to offense, the Eagles still think they will be well-fixed at the linebacker spots. Bill Koman, picked up from Baltimore, was a "find" last season, and he will be joined this season by Bob Pellegrini, Maryland All-American, who returns from the Army, and possibly Eddie Bell, a deadly tackler, who may be shifted from defensive halfback because his contact lenses sometimes did not make contact with the opposition's passes soon enough.

Besides Norton and Riley, the Eagles have at least two other top-notch defensive halfbacks in Tom Brookshier and Jimmy Harris, the latter an All-American quarterback from Oklahoma.

Retirements have hit the Philadelphia team in only three spots. At age 35, Frank Wydo, a two-way tackle, has finished definitely, along with quarterback Bobby Thomason and defensive end Norman (Wild Man) Willey, perhaps the best pass rusher in the league until he suffered a triple fracture of the leg late in the 1956 season.

McNally and Shaw admit, that besides a quarterback, they are also hunting for a big offensive end, one who can be played "tight" and used effectively as a blocker when speedsters like Barnes, Peakes, Ken Keller and Neil Worden sweep the flanks.

"I wouldn't be surprised if Shaw uses Tommy McDonald as a pass catching threat in every game," McNally said. "But Tommy is only 175 pounds and hardly big enough to block out those big defensive ends and tackles."

McDonald's is a peculiar story. The red-haired All-American from Oklahoma was drafted No. 4 in 1957. But except for punt return and kickoff return duties, he was used hardly at all until the eighth game of the season. The coaches said he "didn't know the pass patterns."

Played regularly at "slot" back and end for the time against Washington, McDonald beat the Redskins himself with two sensational catches and touchdown runs. He is easily the speediest man on the club and his college coach, Bud Wilkinson, called him "the greatest pass catcher I ever had."

As for the 1958 draftees, the Eagles,

Eagle Clarence Peaks slashes his way through Steeler defenders.

Halfback Tommy McDonald.

Peaks again, banging his way through the Cleveland Browns' line, butts into teammate Abe Gibron after a short gain.

like most every other club, think they did alright, if not better than alright. Their No. 1 pick was Walt Kowalczyk, 205-pound All-American from Michigan State, who along with Barnes and Peaks, is expected to provide the Eagles with a "terrifying trio" of runners.

Although they were well up among the league's leading ground gainers in 1957, Barnes and Peaks still have not reached their full potential.

Just after he severed ties with the Eagles, assistant coach Charlie Gauer said this of Peaks:

"I think he will prove to be a better back than Cleveland's Jimmy Brown. As for Barnes, there aren't going to be many around who are much better. He can do everything and he never gives up trying."

The Eagles didn't sign their No. 4 and 5 draft choices, tackle Frank Rigney of Iowa and halfback Bob Mulgado of Arizona State (Tempe). The Eagles did get the signature of Mel Dillard, Purdue speedster, who led the Big Ten in ground gaining his junior year. Another to sign up was Oregon quarterback Jack Crabtree, who played a sensational role in the 1958 Rose Bowl spectacle.

Fourteen Eagle draft choices were "ice" jobs, meaning they will not be available until the 1959 season. Among the previous "ice" jobs who will be available is Duke's crack fullback and linebacker, Hal McElhaney.

Besides Rigney and Mulgado, the Eagles also lost their 13th choice to Canada. He was Mickey Trimarki, West Virginia quarterback.

Although Shaw is 59, and several years out of pro football, the Eagles considered it a remarkable achievement to lure him back into the NFL and away from his California business. The close friendship between McNally and Shaw is believed to have been the main factor.

Shaw's college and pro teams have never had a losing record. Besides being acknowledged a great organizer, Shaw is "offensive-minded" and as McNally said, "has the knack of getting the best out of his players, all of whom hold him in warm affection."

Shaw's first order of business was to sign Jerry Williams, coach of the University of Montana, as his first assistant. In the opinion of this writer, who knew Williams when he was playing with the Eagles and the Rams, Shaw couldn't have made a better choice.

As a player, Williams was the "brainy" type. With the Rams, he was a defensive halfback. When he was traded to the Eagles, he was shifted to offense, and although weighing no more than 175 pounds, proved himself an expert ball carrier and pass catcher. He was especially dangerous on the end of a screen pass.

Williams is also a close student of pass defense, and "already," McNally said,

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"he has shown me some phases of this art that I was not acquainted with."

Shaw's second choice for an assistant was Bruno Banducci, possibly the best offensive guard ever to play in the NFL. Banducci broke in with the Eagles, then moved to the 49ers when they were in the All-American Conference. For a third year, he played in Canada, then gave up football entirely. It was Shaw, a close friend, who brought him back.

The new coach's third man probably will be Frank (Bucko) Kilroy, who played 13 years with the Eagles as guard, tackle and middle guard until he was sidelined permanently two years ago by a broken knee cartilage. Kilroy was an assistant under Hughie Devore, whom Shaw succeeded as head coach. Bucko is noted as a keen judge of talent and has vast knowledge of defensive and offensive line play.

The Eagles of last year were a more or less disorganized lot probably because there never was any clear-cut designation of authority. It was no secret that Gauer was often the man in charge with Devore playing a secondary role.

With the exception of a 42-7 loss to Washington in the next to last game, it was never really a bad team. The defense was on a par with the best and the ground game was most always potent. There were at least two, and maybe three games, that could have been won with a little more luck.

The final game of the season, a 31-27 loss to the Chicago Cardinals was an example of typical Eagle frustration. Bill Stribling caught a Thomason pass on the one yard line in the final minute of play and was going over when he was hit and fumbled. A Cardinal defense man picked up the ball and ran it out to the 20 from where the clock was killed.

All season long, other coaches were saying "you have a good team, just wait until it jells." Well, the team never did fully jell and if it weren't for the very same Cardinals it would have finished at the bottom of the heap.

Besides the coaching switch, the Eagles should benefit from a switch in locale from the skinned surface of Connie Mack baseball stadium to the springy turf of the University of Pennsylvania's Franklin Field. At the least, they should benefit financially, if not artistically.

From a spectator's viewpoint, Franklin field is one of the best football stadia in the country. Almost every one of the 70,000 seats affords a clear, unobstructed view of the playing field. Even the seats behind the goal posts are superb. The Eagles also will be able to practice on the University's River Field, which adjoins the big stadium.

Mack Stadium was a typical baseball layout with a maximum seating capacity of 40,000 and a maximum of poles to obstruct the view. Turf had to be planted in the infield, and by mid-season, it looked as if a stampede of cattle had hit it.

One thing is sure. With Shaw at the helm, it's going to be an exciting season. Personnel probably will be juggled all over the sward, and with Shaw's knowledge of the game, there will be none of those lack-lustre, 6-0 contests that helped alienate many Eagle fans who had followed the Birds since the point-a-minute days of the incomparable Steve Van Buren and his great coach, Greasy Neal. ■

1957 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

Los Angeles 17, Eagles 13
New York 24, Eagles 20
Cleveland 24, Eagles 7
Eagles 17, Cleveland 7
Pittsburgh 6, Eagles 0
Eagles 38, Chi-Cards 21
Detroit 27, Eagles 16
New York 13, Eagles 0
Eagles 21, Washington 12
Eagles 7, Pittsburgh 6
Washington 42, Eagles 7
Chi-Cards 31, Eagles 27

1958 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

Sept. 28, Washington
Oct. 5, New York
Oct. 12, at Pittsburgh
Oct. 19, San Francisco
Oct. 26, at Green Bay
Nov. 2, at Chicago Cardinals
Nov. 9, Pittsburgh
Nov. 16, Chicago Cardinals
Nov. 23, at Cleveland
Nov. 30, at New York
Dec. 7, Cleveland
Dec. 14, at Washington

Eagle line swarms in on Cardinal punter Dave Mann in '57 game.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES' FINAL STATISTICS—1957

	Eagles	Opponents
First Downs Rushing	80	83
First Downs Passing	51	94
First Downs Penalty	18	22
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	149	199
Yards Gained Rushing (Net)	1582	1714
Yards Gained Passing (Net)	1155	1969
Yards Lost Attempting Passes	224	124
Yards Gained Passing (Gross)	1379	2093
TOTAL YARDS GAINED (NET)	2737	3683
Number of Rushes	424	451
Average Gain Per Rush	3.7	3.8
Passes Attempted	204	254
Passes Completed	99	133
Percentage Completed Passes	48.5	51.8
Passes Intercepted By	17	23
Yards Returned Interceptions	440	340
Punts, Number	68	58
Average Distance Punts	41.7	40.6
Punts Returned By	37	45
Yards Punts Returned	200	351
Kickoffs Returned	41	31
Yards Kickoffs Returned	838	737
Average Kickoff Return	20.4	23.8
Penalties	75	65
Yards Penalized	654	642
Fumbles	25	26
Opponents' Fumbles Recovered	19	16
Touchdowns, Running	11	17
Touchdowns Passing	10	10
TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS	21	27
Extra Points	20	26
Field Goals	9	14
Field Goal Attempts	14	28

Rushing	Atts.	Yds.	LG	Avg.	TD
Barnes	143	529	41	3.7	1
Peaks	125	495	35	4	1
Keller	57	195	15	3.4	0
Worden	42	133	17	3.2	0
Norton	2	73	61	36.5	0
Thomason	15	62	19	4.1	3
Dorow	17	52	14	3	2
McDonald	12	36	22	3	0
Walston	1	7	7	7	0
Youngelman	0	3	3	3	0
Jurgensen	10	–3	8	–	2
TOTALS	424	1582	61	3.7	9

Pass Receiving	No.	Yds.	LG	Avg.	TD
Barnes	19	212	67	11.2	1
Stribling	14	194	58	13.9	1
Walston	11	266	49	24.2	1
Peaks	11	99	53	9	0
Retzlaff	10	120	28	12	0
McDonald	9	228	61	25.3	3
Bielski	8	81	19	10.1	2
Burnine	7	63	16	8.1	0
Ryan	4	91	46	22.8	2
Keller	4	31	30	7.8	0
Worden	1	3	3	3	0
Gaona	1	–9	–	–	0
TOTALS	99	1379	67	13.9	10

Pass Interceptions	No.	Yds.	TD
Norton	4	155	1
Brookshier	4	74	0
Harris	3	97	1
Bednarik	3	51	0
Bell	2	38	0
Wydo	1	25	0
TOTALS	17	440	2

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds.	LR	Avg.	TD
McDonald	12	322	59	26.8	0
Keller	15	320	31	21.4	0
Peakes	4	80	27	20	0
Worden	4	63	18	15.8	0
Norton	2	33	18	16.5	0
Bielski	2	11	10	5.5	0
Bell	1	7	7	7	0
Wydo	1	2	2	2	0
TOTALS	41	838	50	20.4	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	TD
McDonald	26	127	0
Keller	9	60	0
Norton	1	13	0
Harris	1	0	0
TOTALS	37	200	0

Forward Passing	Atts.	Comp.	Yds. Gn.	Yds. Lst.	TDP	Pct. Comp.	LP	Int.	Avg. Gn. Yds.
Thomason	92	46	630	46	4	50	67	10	6.78
Jurgensen	70	33	470	88	5	47.1	61	8	6.71
Dorow	36	17	212	90	1	47.2	49	4	5.69
Peaks	3	2	56	0	0	67	11	0	11.00
McDonald	1	1	11	0	0	100	11	0	11.00
Norton	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Barnes	1	0	0	0	0	0			
TOTALS	204	99	1379	224	10	48.5	67	23	6.76

Scoring	TDR	TDP	Tot. TD	EXP	EXPM	FG	FGA	LFG	Tot. Pts.
Walston	0	1	1	20	1	9	12	35	53
Thomason	3	0	3	–	–	–	–	–	18
McDonald	0	3	3	–	–	–	–	–	18
Barres	1	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	12
Jurgensen	2	0	2	–	–	–	–	–	12
Bielski	0	2	2	–	–	0	2	–	12
Ryan	0	2	2	–	–	–	–	–	12
Dorow	2	0	2	–	–	–	–	–	12
Peaks	1	0	1	–	–	–	–	–	6
Stribling	0	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	6
Harris (Int)	1	0	1	–	–	–	–	–	6
Norton (Int)	1	0	1	–	–	–	–	–	6
TOTALS	11	10	21	20	1	9	14	35	173

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	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College
Barnes, Bill	HB	5-11	202	Wake Forest
Bednarik, Chuck	LB	6-3	245	Pennsylvania
Bell, Eddie	HB	6-1	212	Pennsylvania
Brookshier, Tom	HB	6-1	198	Colorado
Bruhns, Don	C-T	6-3	235	Drake
Burnine, Hank	E	6-2	190	Missouri
Campbell, Marion	T	6-3	255	Georgia
Chorovich, Dick	T	6-4	265	Miami, Ohio
Crabtree, Jack	QB	6	190	Oregon
Dillard, Mel	HB	6-2	195	Purdue
Dorow, Al	QB	6	190	Michigan State
Ellett, Al	T	6-3	250	Alabama
Gaona, Bob	T	6-3	240	Wake Forest
Harris, Jimmy	HB	6-1	180	Oklahoma
Hines, Stanley	T	5-10	255	Miss. Vocational
Hudson, Bob	LB-HB	6-4	230	Clemson
Huxhold, Ken	G	6-1½	240	Wisconsin
Jacobs, Proverb	T	6-4	255	California
Jurgensen, Sonny	QB	5-11	200	Duke
Keller, Ken	HB	5-11	185	North Carolina
Koman, Bill	LB	6-2	223	North Carolina
Kowalczyk, Walt	FB-HB	6	205	Michigan State
Lansford, Buck	T	6-2	232	Texas
McDonald, Tommy	HB	5-10	182	Oklahoma
McElhaney, Harold	FB	6-1	210	Duke
Mansfield, Len	T	6-4	245	Pittsburg, Kansas
Meatheringham, Mike	T	6-6	235	Georgia

	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College
Nacrelli, Andy	E	6-1	190	Fordham
Norton, Jerry	HB	5-11	195	SMU
Pagliei, Joe	HB	6	212	Clemson
Peaks, Clarence	FB	6-1	218	Michigan State
Pellegrini, Bob	C-G-LB	6-2	225	Maryland
Peters, Volney	T	6-4	245	Southern Cal.
Retzlaff, Pete	HB	6-1	209	S. Dakota State
Richardson, Al	T	6-3	247	Grambling
Richardson, Jess	T	6-3	275	Alabama
Riley, Lee	HB	6	190	Detroit
Ryan, Rocky	E-HB	6-1	202	Illinois
Sabal, Ron	T	6-3	235	Purdue
Saidock, Tom	T	6-4	263	Michigan State
Scott, Tom	E	6-2	220	Virginia
Sherwood, George	HB	6-1	185	St. Joseph's, Ind.
Simerson, John	C-G-T	6-3	258	Purdue
Strawn, Bill	C-G-LB	6-3	251	Western Kentucky
Stribling, Bill	E	6-1	210	Mississippi
Striegel, William	G-LB	6-2	230	COP
Szafaryn, Len	T	6-3	235	North Carolina
Thompson, Jim	HB	6	190	Temple
Ulm, Joe	FB	6-1	205	San Jose State
Walston, Bobby	E	6	191	Georgia
Watherall, Jim	T	6-4	252	Oklahoma
Worden, Neil	HB	5-10	205	Notre Dame
Youngelman, Sid	T	6-3	255	Alabama

EAGLES' 1958 DRAFT LIST

(Top Choices Listed in Order)

Walter Kawalczyck, halfback, Michigan State
Proverb Jacobs, tackle, California
Frank Rigney, tackle, Iowa
Bob Mulgado, halfback, Arizona St. Tempe
John Kersey, tackle, Duke
Len Mansfield, tackle, Pittsburg Kansas Teachers
Bill Striegel, linebacker-guard, College of Pacific
Theron Sapp, halfback, Georgia
Mel Dillard, halfback, Purdue
Jack Crabtree, quarterback, Oregon
Mickey Trimarki, quarterback, West Virginia
Bill Lapham, center-linebacker, Iowa
Stanley Hines, tackle, Mississippi Voc.
Mike Meatheringham, tackle, Georgia
Bill Van Buren, center-linebacker, Iowa
John Burroughs, tackle, Iowa
Ron Sabal, guard, Purdue
Kent Lovelace, halfback, Mississippi
John Madden, tackle, California Poly
George Sherwood, end-halfback, St. Joseph's
Billy Templeton, end, Mississippi
Jim Padgett, tackle, Clemson
Hal Divine, tackle, Memphis State
Neil MacLean, fullback, Wake Forest
Hindman Wall, end, Auburn
Gene Gossage, tackle, Northwestern
Don McDonald, quarterback, Houston
Jim Thompson, end-halfback, Temple

Groza's magic toe gives Browns three points from 30 yards out in 1957 game. Browns, 17-7.

EASTERN DIVISION

CARDINALS

1958 season may determine Cards' future in the Windy City

By Cooper Rollow
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO'S CARDINALS who have grown lamentably accustomed to losing, will be sent into battle this fall by a new head coach whose victory tradition is as long as the scowl on the face of the average Comiskey park football fan.

Frank (Pop) Ivy, a balding, businesslike ex-Cardinal end, has been lured from the Canadian wilderness to see what he can do about resurrecting the team that slipped to a 3-9 record under Ray Richards last season.

Ivy, one-time assistant to Bud Wilkinson at Oklahoma (and you know he did not make any unhappy trips to the shower room THERE), won 50 league games and lost only 14 during his four years as coach of the Edmonton Eskimos. That's the best mark posted by any coach since Canadian pro football went big time in 1948.

Cardinal fans are hopeful that at least a modicum of Ivy's enthusiasm will rub off on the players and save the team from the covetous clutches of several cities which are seeking National Football league franchises.

A winning record this autumn with an accompanying increase in ticket sales would appear to be the only means of assuring the Cardinals' continued presence in the Windy City. Cardinal owners came within a short line plunge of de-

Ollie Matson is tackled by Cleveland's Bob Gain after reeling off 11-yard gain.

Gern Nagler takes 14 yard touchdown pass from Lamar McHan, but Cards failed to catch the Giants last November at Comiskey.

porting the team to Houston last winter.

Why was Ivy chosen for the frightening task of elevating the Cardinals from the Eastern conference cellar?

The answer is simple. Ivy's coaching philosophy is the sort that can be counted upon to dissolve the cloud of pessimism and lethargy that hung over the Cardinals last season. The 1958 Cards will either put out or get out.

Canadian sources say that Ivy never had a season in Edmonton in which his club started out liking him. A perfectionist, he believes pro football players should report at camp in good physical condition and stay that way. Those who didn't, found the pace killing and invariably Ivy was actively disliked in the early going. By playoff time, however, those still standing up were willing to swear by him.

Ivy's victory formula is concise: work.

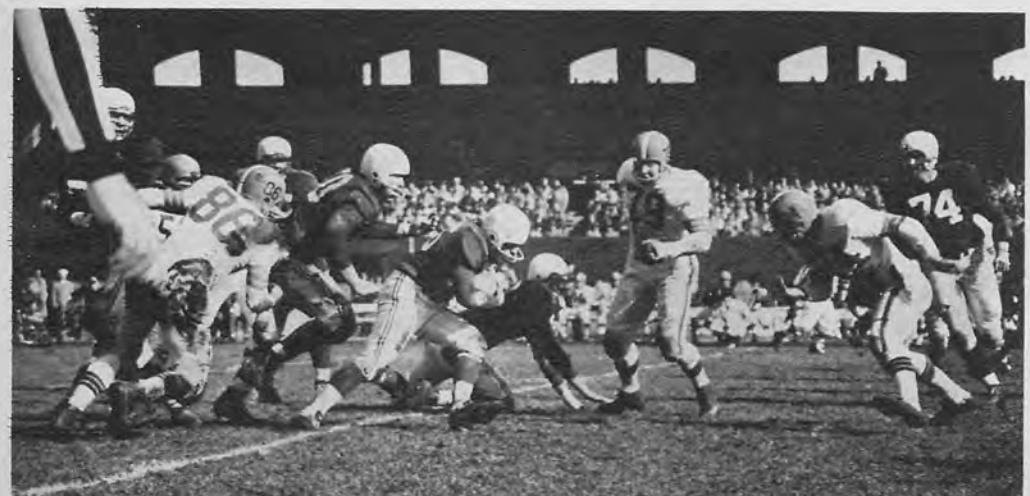
"There is absolutely no substitute for desire," he believes. "That has been said a thousand times, and our players are going to hear it a thousand more times. The thing we would like most of all is to see a little more enthusiasm shown by this year's Cardinal team. In looking over the films of last season's games, I can see many instances in which there was a definite lack of determination."

Ivy, however, does not believe apathy on the part of some of the players was the sole reason for the Cards' downhill slide last year.

"I think Ray Richards did a wonderful job, particularly in view of the distressing flu epidemic that hit the players during the exhibition season. I don't think a lot of people realized how much that hurt. By the time the squad was back to full strength, some games had been lost, and morale was down for the season."

Ivy's 1958 Cardinals will use the T formation in one form or another, but the new coach is understandably reluctant to go beyond that general statement.

"Whether we'll use a slot or flanker formation for passing, I don't know. We



Cards' Johnny Olszewski gains five through Browns' line.

Cardinals' great Ollie Matson knifes through Redskin defenders.

CARDINALS

are experimenting with both. Our job is to find the best 35 players and build the system around them."

After four years in the Canadian league, does Ivy anticipate trouble readjusting to the American game? "I do not think so. High school or pro, Canadian or American, football is basically blocking, tackling, throwing, running, and kicking."

Ivy is quick to disagree with critics who insist that the best use was not made last year of the abilities of Halfback Ollie Matson, one of football's greatest runners, who was employed extensively as a flanker.

"I have heard people say that the Cards stuck Matson out there on the flank as a 'decoy' on pass plays, and then forgot about him. That is absurd. He was sent out as a flanker with the idea of throwing to him. But most opponents feared him so much that they doubled up on him. They watched him just as closely when he lines up as running back. They'd double team him if he were sitting up in the grandstand eating hot dogs, just to make sure."

Ivy foresees use of Matson as both a running back and pass receiver, just as he plans to have a look at all of the returning veterans in their old positions.

"If we feel they'll play better in some other spot, we'll make a switch. But to start with, we'll use them in the positions they know best."

When the Cardinals line up for their league opener against the New York Giants September 28, in Buffalo, N.Y., Lamar McHan undoubtedly will be at quarterback. Ivy is not sympathetic with those Card fans who insist McHan should be consigned to the junk heap.

"I have seen film after film — some of them dozens of times — and there is no question in my mind that McHan has a tremendous amount of ability. A quarterback can look only as good as his team. If he isn't getting good blocking, or if the ends aren't running the patterns right, he isn't going to look good, no matter who he is."

McHan, beginning his fifth season as a pro, will be backed up by Ted Marchibroda, a seasoned performer acquired from the Pittsburgh Steelers last year; Paul Larson, the ex-Californian who was given little opportunity to prove himself as a rookie last season, and by King Hill, the highly touted freshman from Rice who was the Cards' 1958 bonus choice.

The Cardinals are crossing their fingers that Hill, one of the greatest athletes in Rice's history, will live up to expectations. It is generally conceded that in Hill and Fullback John Crow of Texas A & M, the Cards drafted the two top players of the 1957 collegiate season.

In leading Rice's drive to the Southwest conference title and the Cotton bowl last season, Hill completed 44 of 82 passes for 798 yards and four touchdowns. He also made six touchdowns by running.

If Hill does not make the grade at quarterback, there is little chance that he will pick up much dust on the bench. Ivy says he can visualize the 6 foot 4 inch, 210 pounder at just about any position, so Hill could wind up as a running back, or even as a member of the secondary defense.

Ivy does not believe in alternating quarterbacks; hence, there is little likelihood that McHan and Hill will become a combination at the position in the manner that Ed Brown and Zeke Bratkowski were employed by the Chicago Bears much of last year.

"If I had two quarterbacks of absolutely equal ability, then I might alternate them," Ivy admits. "But that is an extremely unlikely situation. Invariably, most teams are going to have one quarterback who has it over the other contenders for the position, and I feel that this one fellow should be given the regular job and kept in the game most of the time."

Ivy intends to let McHan (or Hill) call his own signals.

"I hope we can instruct the quarterback before the game in such a way that he can call the right plays at the right time. I send in plays from the bench only in certain situations in which I don't want to put the burden on the quarterback — whether to punt or go for short yardage . . . that type of thing."

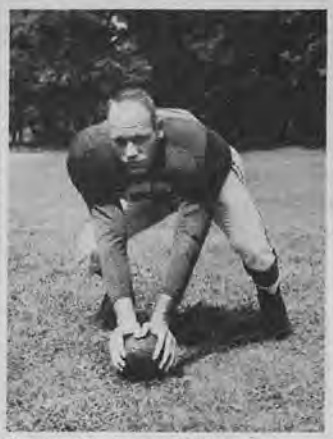
Hill and Crow are but two members of an impressive roster of Cardinal rookies who are eagerly awaiting their first professional body block (and pay check). The list includes Jim McCusker, Pittsburgh tackle who was the Cards' second draft choice; Halfback Bobby Gordon of Tennessee; End Jon Jelacic Minnesota (one of three Gopher contributions to the Card line), and Tackle Gil Robertshaw of Brown.

The Cardinals are expecting a lot from Crow, the block busting fullback from Texas A & M. "If only he lives up to his potential," smiles Ivy, "we should have a whale of a backfield."

Ivy is undecided as to Crow's ultimate position in the Cardinal backfield. The Southwest conference rookie could be used at either fullback or halfback.

Crow might have a tough time rooting Johnny Olszewski and Hal Ham-

Halfback Max Boydston.



Center-LB Jerry Tubbs.

Tackle Chuck Ulrich.

Halfback Joe Childress.

Quarterback Lamar McHan.

Tackle Dave Lunceford.

Linebacker Carl Brettschneider.

End Gern Nagler.

mack out of the fullback spot. The latter two shared the assignment last fall. Olszewski, six year veteran from California, gained 271 yards over the 1957 season, but has always had a tendency to fumble. Hammack, one-time Floridan, was coming along nicely toward the end of 1957, his second year as a pro.

At halfback, where the incomparable Matson holds forth, the Cardinals are simply loaded with solid, speedy runners and blockers cut to a precise professional mould.

For the first time in his five year Cardinal career, Matson was taken to task last season by some fans and sports writers who felt he was not giving his all. Yet he still managed to gain 577 yards rushing (sixth in the league) and catch 20 passes for 451 yards. Can you imagine what he might have done behind that Detroit Lions Line?

Matson plays left halfback. He is apt to be joined at right half by any one of a half dozen seasoned performers. Joe Childress, the former Auburn star, is the most likely candidate. Childress averaged 4.1 yards on each of 11 carries last year, and was regarded by many observers as the Cardinals' most underrated back.

Childress, however, can't afford to relax. He is being pressed by Veterans Frank Bernardi of Colorado and Jim Sears of Southern California. And Rookie Bobby Gordon is up from Tennessee with a pocketful of press clippings.

The Cardinals' offensive ends will be Gern Nagler, Max Boydston, and Woodley Lewis. Pick any two of the above and you've got yourself a pair of pretty darned good pass receivers. Richards used the three of them simultaneously on many occasions last year, putting Nagler and Lewis in the terminal positions and Boydston in the slot.

Nagler, five year veteran from Santa Clara, is one of the league's most gifted ends. He caught 27 passes in 1957 for 475 yards. Boydston, still rounding into shape from a knee injury of the preceding season, bagged 14 aerials for 193 yards.

But it was Lewis who made the fans sit up and take notice. The 32 year old veteran from Oregon, who had been primarily a defensive back until last season, climaxed a brilliant campaign by catching four touchdown passes against Philadelphia last December to give the Cardinals their third and last victory of 1957.

If Michigan's Tom Maentz can be persuaded to have a change of heart, the Cardinals should be well set at offensive end. The former Wolverine decided against entering pro football just before he was due to report to the Cardinal camp last year for what would have been his rookie season. Coaches regard him as a fine prospect.

Other rookie end possibilities are Don Carouthers, 6 foot 5 inch candidate from Bradley; Mario Cheppo, 6-6 prospect from Louisville, and Notre Dame's Dick Prendergast.

In the offensive line, where all was not as well as it could have been in 1957, the Cards must replace Jack Jennings, veteran tackle who concluded an illustrious professional career last December.

Jennings' position most likely will be filled by Dave Lunceford, second year man from Baylor. The other offensive tackle is Len Teeuws, a fierce competitor who does his best on Autumn Sunday afternoons to alert the public to the value of the hospitalization insurance he sells during the off-season.

Doug Hogland and Bob Konovsky, the latter a professional wrestler in the wintertime, are back at offensive guard. Help in the line is expected from such rookies as the aforementioned McCusker and Robertshaw, and from Bob Kraus, who starred last year as a guard at Kansas.

Any or all of the rookie linemen cited

above conceivably could wind up on defense, a department in which the Cardinals slipped deplorably last season.

The Cards' secondary, one of the league's best in 1956, failed to function efficiently last year. The fact that the secondary personnel was essentially unchanged was a sure tip-off that the defensive backs weren't getting the "rush job" on enemy passers they had received the previous season. A secondary defense is only as good as the line up front.

With this thought in mind, Ivy and his assistants — Ray Prochaska, Chuck Drulis, and John Breen — have indicated that defensive line positions are there for the taking by any rookie sufficiently aggressive to dislodge one of the veterans.

There are some exceptions. It is difficult to imagine any defensive end with more devotion to duty and love of combat than Leo Sugar. On the other flank, Pat Summerall, the Cardinals' star place kicker, is a fixture. And Nebraska's hustling Ed Husmann is around for auxiliary protection.

The other defensive line positions may be considered to be open. Two former Illinois stars, Chuck Ulrich and Wayne Bock, are bidding for tackle berths along with Notre Dame's Tony Pasquesi. Ulrich is a five year veteran and Bock is beginning his sophomore season after a rookie year in which he was hampered by a pre-season injury.

The Cardinals had a middle guard problem in 1957, and Charles Weber, an illustrious graduate of Westchester (Ohio) Teachers College, finally was entrusted with the job. Weber is on hand, along with Linebackers Carl Brettschneider and Leo Sanford.

Jerry Tubbs, the ex-Oklahoman, may come in handy at linebacker after a 1957 season spent largely in recuperating from a training injury, and other help in the defensive line could be furnished by Rookies Bob Schmidt of Minnesota and Frank Gibson of Kansas.

Members of the secondary defense, all veterans and all capable of outstanding performances, are Dick (Night Train) Lane, Jimmy Hill, and Fred Sagely. Such additional speedsters as Jimmy Carr and Rookie Charley Jackson of Southern Methodist also are available to the secondary.

The Cardinals' fall schedule calls for games with all other Eastern Division clubs plus inter-conference contests with the Bears and the Los Angeles Rams.

The latter team will be the Cardinals' last home opponent of the 1958 season. Fans of the Big Red fervently hope that home finale will not ring down the curtain forever on Chicago's oldest professional football team. ■

1957 REGULAR SEASON RESULTS

Cardinals 20, San Francisco 10
Washington 37, Cardinals 14
Pittsburgh 29, Cardinals 20
Cardinals 44, Washington 14
Cleveland 17, Cardinals 7
Philadelphia 38, Cardinals 21
New York 27, Cardinals 14
New York 28, Cardinals 21
Cleveland 31, Cardinals 0
Bears 14, Cardinals 6
Cardinals 31, Philadelphia 27
Pittsburgh 27, Cardinals 2

1958 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

Sept. 28, New York at Buffalo, N.Y.
Oct. 4, Washington
Oct. 12, at Cleveland
Oct. 19, at New York
Oct. 26, Cleveland
Nov. 2, Philadelphia
Nov. 9, at Washington
Nov. 16 at Philadelphia
Nov. 23, Pittsburgh
Nov. 30, Los Angeles
Dec. 7, at Bears
Dec. 11, at Pittsburgh

Matson breaks between Svare (84) and Patton (20) to take Marchibroda pass and run for touchdown against Giants last November.

Boydston (83) tries for McHan pass, but the Giants break it up.

CHICAGO CARDINALS' FINAL STATISTICS—1957

Rushing	Atts.	Yards	Long	Ave.	TD's
Matson	134	577	57	4.3	6
Olszewski	83	271	38	3.3	2
Childress	41	168	39	4.1	1
Hammack	30	158	17	5.3	0
Mann	22	92	25	4.2	0
McHan	25	82	18	3.3	2
Sears	17	68	49	4.0	1
Larson	8	12	8	1.5	0
Marchibroda	4	10	7	2.5	0
Bernardi	1	4	0	0.0	0
	365	1442	57	4.0	12

Receiving	No.	Yards	Long	TD's
Nagler	27	475	83*	4
Lewis	21	424	53	5
Matson	20	451	75	3
Boydston	14	193	33	0
Childress	10	146	28	0
Mann	8	137	32	0
Sears	5	66	20	0
Olszewski	3	36	25	0
Hammack	1	14	0	0
Sugar	1	14	0	0
Bernardi	1	13	0	0
	111	1969	83	12

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	Long	Ave.
Lewis	24	175	31	7.3
Matson	10	54	28	5.4
Bernardi	2	12	7	6.
Hill	1	9		
Lane	1	8		
Mann	1			
Sears	1			
	40	258	31	6.4

Pass Interceptions	No.	Yards Ret.
Hill	3	52
Lane	2	47
Bernardi	2	40
Lewis	2	34
Sagely	1	7
Sanford	1	2
Crow	1	1
	12	183

Punting	No.	Yards	Long	Ave.
Mann	59	2509	67	42.5

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yards	Long	Ave.
Lewis	26	682	52	26.2
Sears	8	220	33	27.5
Matson	7	154	32	22.
Carr	2	39	21	19.5
Hammack	2	33	17	16.5
Mann	1	23		
Summerall	1	3		
Olszewski		13 (Lateral)		
	47	1167	52	24.8

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Passing	TD's	Long	Intercepted	Pct.
McHan	200	87	1568	135	11	83*	15	.435
Marchibroda	45	15	238	26	1	75	5	.333
Larson	14	6	61	22	0	21	1	.428
Matson	5	2	59	5	0	32	0	.400
Childress	2	1	43	0	0	43	1	.500
Bernardi	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	.000
Mann	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Sears	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	271	111	1969	194	12	83	22	.410

1958 CHICAGO CARDINALS' ROSTER

Ends	Ht.	Wt.	College
Max Boydston	6-2	207	Oklahoma
Woodley Lewis	6-0	195	Oregon
Gern Nagler	6-2	190	Santa Clara
Leo Sugar	6-1	210	Purdue
Pat Summerall	6-4	230	Arkansas
Tackles			
Wayne Bock	6-4	250	Illinois
Dave Lunceford	6-4	240	Baylor
Tony Pasquesi	6-4	250	Notre Dame
Len Teeuws	6-5	245	Tulane
Chuck Ulrich	6-4	250	Illinois
Guards			
Doug Hogland	6-3	245	Oregon State
Ed Husmann	6-0	230	Nebraska
Bob Konovsky	6-2	245	Wisconsin
Charles Weber	6-1	225	Westchester
Centers			
Carl Brettschneider	6-1	220	Iowa State
Earl Putman	6-6	308	Arizona State
Leo Sanford	6-1	230	Louisiana Tech
Jim Taylor	6-3	235	Baylor
Jerry Tubbs	6-2	216	Oklahoma

Quarterbacks	Ht.	Wt.	College
Paul Larson	5-11	185	California
Ted Marchibroda	5-10	180	St. Bonaventure
Lamar McHan	6-1	200	Arkansas
John Roach	6-4	190	S.M.U.
Fullbacks			
Mal Hammack	6-2	205	Florida
Johnny Olszewski	5-11	196	California
Halfbacks			
Frank Bernardi	5-9	180	Colorado
Jimmy Carr	6-1	200	Morris-Harvey
Joe Childress	6-0	200	Auburn
Lindon Crow	6-1	200	U.S.C.
Jimmy Hill	6-2	190	Sam Houston
Dick Lane	6-2	190	Scottsbluff J.C.
Dave Mann	6-1	190	Oregon St.
Ollie Matson	6-2	210	U.S.F.
Floyd Sagely	6-1	190	Arkansas
Jimmy Sears	5-11	185	U.S.C.

CARDINALS' 1958 DRAFT LIST

(Top Choices in Order)

King Hill, quarterback, Rice
John Crow, halfback, Texas A.&M.
Jim McCusker, tackle, Pittsburgh
Larry Cowart, center, Baylor
Bobby Gordon, back, Tennessee
Jon Jelacic, end, Minnesota
John Keelan, tackle, Kansas State
Gil Robertshaw, tackle, Brown
Dean Philpot, back, Fresno State
William Hinton, guard, Louisiana Tech
Charles Jackson, back, S.M.U.
Robert Schmidt, tackle, Minnesota
Ramon Dunlap, back, Marshall
Wade Patterson (fut.), end, Idaho
Mac Starnes, center, Abilene Christian
Mario Cheppo, end, Louisville
Ulmo Randle (fut.), back, Virginia
Jim Matheny, center, UCLA
Wilbur R. Toole, quarterback, N. Texas St.
Tony Aloisio, end, Indiana
John Harbourt, tackle, Southeastern (Okla.) St.
Eric Soesbe, tackle, Vanderbilt
J. C. Rickenberg, back, Northwestern St. Tchrs.
Ray Masters, back, S.M.U.
Will Rewis (fut.), center, Chattanooga
Gale McGinty, back, Texas State Tchrs.
Ken Irby (fut.), tackle, Mississippi State

1958 NFL DRAFT CHOICES

BALTIMORE: (1) Lyles, Leonard (b) Louisville; (2) Stransky, Bob (hb) Univ. of Colorado; (3) Nicely, Joe (g) West Virginia; (4) Walters, Les (e) Penn State; (5) Choice traded to New York; (6) Taylor, Robert (e) Vanderbilt; (7) Diehl, John (t) Virginia U.; (8) Peters, Floyd (g) San Francisco St.; (9) Bullard, Harold (b) Lenoir Rhyne; (10) Schamber, Ray (b) So. Dakota U.; (11) Jordan, Bobby (b) V.M.I.; (12) Addison, Tommy (g-t) So. Carolina; (13) Richardson, Jerry (e) Wofford College; (14) Hall, Kenneth (b) Texas A & M; (15) Carney, Les (b) Ohio U.; (16) Matsos, Arch (g) Mich. St.; (17) Reese, James (b) Minnesota; (18) Lloyd, Dave (c) Georgia U.; (19) Murnen, John (g) Bowling Green; (20) Forrestal, Tom (b) U.S. Naval Academy; (21) Faulk, James (b) T.C.U.; (22) McKee, Robert (e) Monmouth College; (23) Parslow, Phil (b) U.C.L.A.; (24) Sandlin, Bobby (b) Tenn. U.; (25) Roundtree, James (b) Florida U;. (26) Grimes, Robert (t) Central Mich. College; (27) Dintiman, George (b) Lock Haven St. Tchrs.; (28) Murphy, James (t) E. Tenn. St.; (29) Padgett, Douglas (e) Duke; (30) Lund, Gary (g) Utah St.; Brown, Raymond (hb) Miss. U. (5th choice traded by Chicago Cards.); Sample, John (b) Maryland St. College (7th choice traded by Pitts.).

CHICAGO BEARS: (1) Howley, Charles (g) W. Virginia; (2) Deuveall, Willard (e) So. Methodist; (3) Cooke, Edward G. (e) Maryland; (4) Barnes, Erich (b) Purdue; (5) Jewett, Robert (e) Michigan State; (6) Douglas, Merle (b) Utah; (7) Bentley, Gene (b) Texas Tech.; (8) Rutsch, Edward (t) George Washington; (9) Anderson, Ralph (e) Los Angeles State College; (10) Lewis, Aubrey (b) Notre Dame; (11) Cinelli, Rocco (t) Wisconsin; (12) Morris, John (hb) Santa Barbara State; (13) Traded to New York; (14) Melnik, William (t) West Point; (15) Harryman, James (b) Compton Jr. College; (16) Pleger, Kenneth (t) Capital University; (17) Eaton, Richard (c) Richmond U.; (18) Dupler, Phil (b) Duke; (19) Chancey, William Roger (e) West Virginia; (20) Rutledge, Les (t) Mich. State; (21) Miller, William C. (t) Highlands U.; (22) Carter, Al (b) Tennessee; (23) Dow, Ken (b) Sam Houston State; (24) Moon, Russ (t) V.P.I.; (25) Barron, Robert (c) St. Norbert; (26) Lyles, Robert (b) Memphis State; (27) Napolski, Ben (e) Northwestern; (28) Main, Wilbur (b) Maryland; (29) Hakes, Glen (g) New Mexico U.; (30) Halum, Bobby (qb) Middle Tenn. State; Healy, Don (t) Maryland (3rd choice traded by Cleveland); Roehnelt, William (g) Bradley (19th choice traded by Green Bay).

CHICAGO CARDINALS: (1) Crow, John (b) Texas A & M; (2) McCusker, Jim (t) Pittsburgh; (3) Cowart, Larry (c) Baylor; (4) Choice traded to L. A. Rams; (5) Choice traded to Baltimore; (6) Dordon, Bobby (hb) Tenn.; (7) Jelacic, Jon (e) Minnesota; (8) Choice traded to San Francisco; (9) Keelan, John (t) Kansas State; (10) Robertshaw, Gil (t) Brown; (11) Philpot, Dean (b) Fresno State; (12) Hinton, William (g) Louisiana Tech; (13) Jackson, Charlie (hb) S.M.U.; (14) Schmidt, Robert (t) Minn.; (15) Dunlap, Ramon (b) Marshall; (16) Patterson, Wade (e) U. of Idaho; (17) Starnes, Mac (c) Abilene Christian; (18) Cheppo, Mario (e) Louisville; (19) Randle, Ulmo (hb) Virginia; (20) Matheny, Jim (c) U.C.L.A.; (21) Toole, Wilbur (b) North Texas State; (22) Aloisio, Tony (e) Indiana; (23) Harbour, John (t) Southeastern State Teach. College; (24) Soesbe, Eric (t) Vanderbilt; (25) Rickenberger, J. C. (b) Northwestern State Teach. College; (26) Masters, Ray (b) Southern Methodist; (27) Rewis, Will (c) Chattanooga; (28) McGinty, Gale (b) Texas State Teachers; (29) Irby, Ken (t) Miss. State; Bonus Pick: Hill, King (b) Rice; Oliver, Bobby Jack (t) Baylor (2nd choice traded by Detroit).

CLEVELAND: (1) Shofner, Jim (hb) T.C.U.; (2) Mitchell, Charles (g) U. of Florida; (3) Cleveland choice traded to Chicago Bears; (4) Ninowski, Jim (qb) Michigan St.; (5) Funston, Farrell (e) College of Pacific; (6) Fulff, James (b) Michigan St.; (7) Mitchell, Bob (b) Illinois; (8) Lattimore, Bert (e) Duke; (9) Parrish, Bernie (b) Florida U.; (10) Russavage, Leo (t) North Carolina; (11) Bowermaster, Russ (e) Ohio State; (12) Brodhead, Robert (b) Duke; (13) Williams, Hal (b) Miami (Ohio); (14) Miller, Ken (t) T.C.U.; (15) Hoelscher, Howard (b) Rice; (16) Cornelison, Jerry (t) S.M.U.; (17) Osborn, Roddy (b) Texas A & M; (18) Johnson, Alvin Peter (t) Idaho; (19) Brown, Ed (g) Arizona; (20) Serieka, Edward (b) Xavier; (21) Martin, Wm. (e) Iowa State; (22) Renn, Robert (b) Florida State; (23) Verhey, Dan (t) Washington State; (24) O'Connor, Jim (t) Marshall College (25) Peters, Robert (b) Baylor; (26) Thompson, Frank (t) Wake Forest; (27) Thelen, Dave (b) Miami (Ohio); (28) Boykin, Wm. (t) Michigan State; (29) Czapla, Frank (t) Missouri; (30) Svendsen, Bernard (c) Minnesota; Guy, Melvin (t) Duke (3rd choice traded by Detroit); Gibbons, Jim (e) Iowa (5th choice traded by Detroit).

DETROIT: (1) Karras, Alex (t) Iowa; (2) Detroit choice traded to Cardinals; (3) Detroit choice traded to Cardinals; (4) Walker, Wayne (c) Idaho; (5) Detroit choice traded to Cleveland; (6) Lewis, Dan (b) Wisconsin; (7) Outten, Harold (g) Virginia; (8) Blazer, Phil (t) North Carolina; (9) Paolucci, Ben (t) Wayne; (10) Schaubach, Elliott (t) William & Mary; (11) Chaney, Claude (b) Dayton; (12) Boutte, Harold (e) San Jose St.; (13) Moroney, Barry (b) Cincinnati; (14) Webb, Ken (b) Presbyterian; (15) Mohlman, Gerald (b) St. Benedict's; (16) Ringquist, George (t) Central Michigan; (17) Gurasich, Walt (g) U.S.C.; (18) Carrier, Larry (b) Kansas; (19) Bottos, Dave (b) Murray State; (20) Curry, Bill (t) W. Kentucky St.; (21) Wagstaff, Jim (b) Idaho State; (22) Nidiffer, Buddy (e) So. Carolina; (23) Destino, Frank (b) So. Carolina; (24) Whitsel, Dave (b) Indiana; (25) Cook, Jim (b) Auburn; (26) Bruce, Joe (t) Middle Tenn. St.; (27) Agers, Don (t) Missouri School of Mines; (28) Pitt, Jack (e) So. Carolina; (29) Herzog, Henry (b) Kentucky; (30) Bronson, Tom (b) Tennessee; Pfeifer, Ralph (b) Kansas State (7th choice traded by San Francisco); Koopfer, Karl (g) Bowling Green (8th choice traded by Pittsburgh); Loftin, Jim (b) Alabama (9th choice traded by Pittsburgh); Scheldrup, John (e) Iowa St. (7th choice traded by San Francisco); Austin, Bill (c) Auburn (18th choice traded by Pittsburgh).

GREEN BAY: (1) Currie, Dan (c) Michigan State; (2) Taylor, Jim (b) L.S.U.; (3) Christy, Dick (b) No. Carolina State; (4) Kraemer, Jerry (g) Idaho; (5) Francis, Joe (hb) Oregon State; (6) Gray, Kenneth D. (t) Howard Payne College; (7) Mainson, Doug (qb) Hil'sdale College; (8) Bill, Michael M. (c) Syracuse; (9) Jarock, Norm (hb) St. Norbert College; (10) Johnson, Carl (t) Illinois; (11) Horton, Harry (e) Wichita; (12) Miller, Earl Wayne (e) Baylor; (13) Cook, Gene (e) Toledo; (14) Hauffe, Harry (t) South Dakota; (15) Newell, Thomas (b) Drake; (16) Finley, Arley (t) Georgia Tech.; (17) Reese, Joseph (e) Arkansas Tech.; (18) Strid, Charles (g) Syracuse; (19) Choice traded to Bears; (20) DuBose, John (hb) Trinity College; (21) Kershner, Jerry (t) Oregon; (22) Maggard, Richard (hb) College of Idaho; (23) Ashton, Jack (g) South Carolina; (24) Jereck, John (t) Detroit University; (25) Plenty, Larry (fb) Boston

College; (26) Harris, Esker (g) U.C.L.A.; (27) Habig, Neil (c) Purdue; (28) Crowell, Dave (g) Washington State; (29) Haynes, Robert (t) Sam Houston St. College; (30) Peters, John (t) Houston; Nitschke, Ray (b) Illinois (3rd choice traded by New York).

LOS ANGELES: (1) Phillips, Jim (e) Auburn; (2) Thomas, Clendon (b) Oklahoma; (3) Jones, Jim (b) Washington U.; (4) Guzik, John (g) Pittsburgh; (5) Baker, John (t) North Carolina College; (6) Iglehart, Floyd (b) Wiley College (Marshall, Texas); (7) Jobko, Bill (g) Ohio State; (8) Marks, Bob (b) Texas A & M; (9) Selawski, Gene (t) Purdue; (10) Jacks, Albert (qb) Penn State; (11) Schweitzer, Gerald (e) Stockton Jr. College and College of Pacific; (12) Claiborne, Ronald (t) Kansas University; (13) Kolodziej, Anthony (e) Michigan State; (14) Mason, William (b) U.C.L.A.; (15) Johnston, Richard (c) Mississippi Southern; (16) Westemeyer, Clint (e) St. Ambrose; (17) Thomas, William (c) Clemson; (18) Scott, Coy (t) McNeese College; (19) Dorsey, Dick (e) U.S.C.; (20) Colbert, George (b) Denver; (21) Parrish, Ron (qb) Linfield College; (22) Steiger, Bill (e) Washington State; (23) Barry, Gary (b) East Texas State; (24) Harding, Lawrence (e) Michigan State; (25) Atkins, Bill (t) Valley Jr. Col. & San Jose St.; (26) Bridges, Lonald (b) Central Washington Col. of Education; (27) Vereen, Alonzo (b) Flordia A & M; (28) Morrow, Gordon (e) Michigan U.; (29) Bourgeois, O'Jay (qb) Arizona State Tempe; (30) Fondren, Walter (b) Texas U.; Woidzik, Francics (t) Buffalo (4th choice traded by Pittsburgh); Michael, Lou (t) Kentucky (1st choice traded by Washington); Henry, Urban (t) Ga. Tech. (4th choice traded by Chicago Cardinals); Ryan, Frank (b) Rice (5th choice traded by Pittsburgh).

NEW YORK: (1) King, Phil (hb) Vanderbilt; (2) Youso, Frank (t) Minnesota; (3) New York choice traded to Green Bay; (4) Caraway, Don (b) Houston; (5) Day, Dick (t) Washington U. (Seattle); (6) Lott, Billy (b) Mississippi; (7) Vaughn, Vernon (e) Maryland St.; (8) Sutherin, Don (b) Ohio St.; (9) Kissel, Ron (t) Pittsburgh; (10) Drummond, Herbert (b) Central St. (Ohio); (11) Williams, Sidney (b) Wisconsin; (12) Hershey, Gerald (t) Syracuse; (13) Herndon, Don (b) Tampa; (14) Roberts, C. R. (b) U.S.C.; (15) Sixta, Norm (t) Minnesota; (16) West, John (t) Mississippi; (17) Harrison, James (c) Duke; (18) Fusco, Richard (t) Middlebury; (19) Jackson, Ernest (b) Syracuse; (20) Clements, Joe (b) Texas; (21) Hansen, Charles (c) Tulane; (22) Wester, Cleve (t) Auburn; (23) Hurst, Billy (b) Mississippi; (24) Brod, Max (b) Texas Tech.; (25) Haensel, Wayne (t) So. Dakota St.; (26) Burkholder, Dave (g) Minnesota; (27) Bronson, Dick (t) U.S.C.; (28) Watters, Robert (e) Lincoln U. (Mo.); (29) Pitney, Louis (c) New Haven St.; (30) Lumpkin, Billy (e) Florence St.; Conrad Bobby (b) Texas A & M (5th choice traded by Baltimore); Kurker, George (t) Tufts (13th choice traded by Chicago Bears).

PHILADELPHIA: (1) Kowalczyk, Walt (b) Michigan St.; (2) Jacobs, Proverb (t) California; (3) Choice traded to Washington; (4) Rigney, Frank (t) Iowa; (5) Mulgado, Robert (b) Arizona Tempe; (6) Kersey, John (t) Duke Univ.; (7) Mansfield, Leonard (t) Kansas St. Teachers College; (8) Striegel, Bill J. (g) College of Pacific; (9) Choice traded to Pittsburgh; (10) Sapp, Theron (b) Georgia; (11) Dillard, Mel (b) Purdue; (12) Crabtree, Jack (b) U. of Oregon; (13) Trimarki, Mickey (b) West Virginia; (14) Lapham, William (c) Iowa & Drake; (15) Hines, Stanley (t) Miss. Vocational; (16) Meatheringham, Michael (t) Georgia; (17) VanBuren, Bill (c) Iowa; (18) Burroughs, John (t) Iowa; (19) Sabal, Ron (g) Purdue; (20) Lovelace, Kent (b) Miss.; (21) Madden, John (t) California Poly; (22) Sherwood, George (e) St. Joseph Col. (Collegeville, Ind.); (23) Templeton, Billy (e) Miss.; (24) Padgett, Jim (t) Clemson; (25) Divine, Hal (t) Memphis State; (26) MacLean, Neal (b) Wake Forest & U. of Penn.; (27) Wall, Hindman (e) Auburn; (28) Gossage, Gene (t) North Western; (29) McDonald, Don (qb) Houston University; (30) Thompson, Jim (e) Temple.

PITTSBURGH: (1) Choice traded to San Francisco; (2) Krutko, Larry (fb) West Virginia; (3) Krisher, Bill (g) Oklahoma; (4) Choice traded to Los Angeles; (5) Choice traded to Los Angeles; (6) Lasse, Richard (e) Syracuse; (7) Choice traded to Baltimore; (8) Choice traded to Detroit; (9) Choice traded to Detroit; (10) Campbell, Dick (c) Marquette; (11) Aldrich, Larry (e) Idaho; (12) Reed, Leroy (b) Mississippi; (13) Choice traded to San Francisco; (14) Jennings, Doyle (t) Oklahoma; (15) Sears, Ed (b) Florida; (16) Perkins, John (t) Miss. Southern; (17) Lewis, Joe (t) Compton; (18) Choice traded to Detroit; (19) Keady, Gene (b) Kansas State; (20) Johnson, George (t) Wake Forest; (21) Jones, Everett (g) Utah; (22) Thompson, Bill (e) Duke; (23) Trowbridge, Ken (b) North Carolina State; (24) Roberts, Norman (e) E. Texas St.; (25) Groce, Bill (b) N. Texas St.; (26) Evans, Jon (e) Okla. A & M; (27) Dellinger, Floyd (b) Texas Tech.; (28) Akin, Dean (e) Jacksonville St. Tchrs. College; (29) Fuquay, Merton (e) Baylor; (30) Scherer, Dick (e) Pittsburgh; Henry, Mike (t) So. Cal. (9th choice traded by Philadelphia).

SAN FRANCISCO: (1) Krueger, Charles (t) Texas A & M; (2) Newman, Bob (qb) Washington State; (3) Hoppe, Bob (hb) Auburn; (4) Varone, John (b) Miami, Fla.; (5) Atkins, Bill (b) Auburn; (6) Schmidt, Henry (t) U.S.C.; (7) Choice traded to Detroit; (8) Mills, Ron (b) West Texas State; (9) Troutman, George (t) Capital U. (Columbus, O.); (10) Heckman, Vel (t) Florida U.; (11) Wharton, Robert (t) U. of Houston; (12) Williams, Llewellyn (t) Lehigh; (13) Dukes, Harold (e) Mich. St.; (14) Fields, Max (b) Whittier College; (15) Choice traded to Detroit; (16) Shirkey, George (t) Stephen F. Austin; (17) Whittenborn, John (t) S. E. Missouri St.; (18) Morris, Dennit (b) Oklahoma; (19) Mushatt, Rannie (g) Grambling; (20) Mertens, Jerry (e) Drake; (21) Christian, Don (b) Arkansas; (22) Hartman, Bruce (t) Luther College; (23) Fields, Larry (b) Utah; (24) Mackey, Dee (e) E. Texas St. Tchrs. College; (25) Kauzmarek, Bill (c) S. W. Missouri St. Tchrs. College; (27) Witucki, Bob (e) Notre Dame & Texas Tech.; (28) Warren, Garland (c) No. Texas St. Tchrs. College; (29) Hodges, Herman (b) Sam Houston St. Tchrs.; (30) Stahura, Ted (t) Kansas St. Tchrs.; Pace, Jim (b) Michigan (1st choice traded by Pittsburgh); Burton ,Leon (b) Arizona St. (8th choice traded by Cards); Yore, James (b) Indiana (13th choice traded by Pittsburgh).

WASHINGTON: (1) Choice traded to L. A. Rams; (2) Sommer, Mike (b) George Washington; (3) Flowers, Stan (b) Georgia Tech.; (4) Nolan, Dan (b) Lehigh; (5) Van Pelt, Jim (b) Michigan; (6) Lynch, Dick (b) Notre Dame; (7) Bennett, Leon (t) Boston College; (8) Payne, Buddy (e) North Carolina University; (9) Kuchta, Frank W. (c) Notre Dame; (10) Preston, Ben (t) Auburn; (11) Dess, Darrell (t) North Carolina State; (12) Michaels, Ed. (g) Villanova; (13) Ford, Ken (b) Hardin-Simmons; (14) Farls, Jack (e) Penn State; (15) Davis, Jack (t) Arizona U.; (16) Polzer, Fred (e) Virginia U.; (17) Wilt, Fred (t) Richmond U.; (18) King, Len (b) Connecticut; (19) Stephenson, Don (c) Georgia Tech.; (20) Pelham, Louis (e) Florida U.; (21) Simpson, Jack (g) Mississippi U.; (22) Sanders, Charles (b) West Texas State; (23) Schomburger, Ron (e) Florida State; (24) Hanson, Rod (e) Illinois; (25) Groom, John (g) T.C.U.; (26) Bloomquist, Frank (g) Iowa; (27) Gehring, Perry (e) Minnesota; (28) Biggs, Joe (g) Hardin-Simmons; (29) Coffin, Bob (b) Syracuse; (30) Smith, Ted (e) Georgia Tech.; Anderson, Bill (b) Tennessee (3rd choice traded by Philadelphia).

Official 1957 NFL Season Statistics

SCORING

Loris H. "Sam" Baker, Washington, and Lou Groza, Cleveland, tied for the individual scoring championship of the National Football League in 1957, each with 77 points, according to final official statistics.

The tie is the first in the category since 1949 when Pat Harder, Chicago Cardinals, and Gene Roberts, New York, stalemated at 102 points, and only the second since 1932. In 1933 Ken Strong, New York, and Glenn Presnell, Portsmouth, tied with 64.

Baker scored one touchdown running, kicked 29 out of 30 extra points and booted 14 field goals out of 23 attempts. The veteran Groza, who has been close to the top in scoring for eight seasons, had a perfect record in extra point kicking with 32 and sent 15 field goals out of 22 attempts across the cross bar.

Fred Cone, Green Bay, fourth a season ago, finished in third position with 74 points. He scored two touchdowns running, 26 consecutive points after touchdown and made 12 out of 17 field goals. George Blanda, Chicago Bears, and Paige Cothren, Los Angeles, followed Cone, each with 71 points. The former scored one touchdown, 23 points after without a miss and 14 out of 26 field goals while the Rams' freshman booted 38 strikes for points after touchdown and scored 11 out of nineteen field goals.

Lenny Moore, Baltimore, scored the most touchdowns, 11, four running and seven passing; Cothren the most points after touchdowns, 38, and Groza the most field goals, 15. Groza, Cone, Blanda, Cothren, Ben Agajanian, New York (32), Gordon Soltau, San Francisco (33), and Bobby Layne, Detroit (25), had perfect records kicking points after touchdown.

Los Angeles won the team championship for the first time since 1952 with 307 points. Baltimore finished second with 303, Cleveland third, 269, San Francisco fourth, 260, and New York fifth, 254.

1957 SCORING — TEAM

	Td. R.	Td. P.	Tot. Tds.	XP	XPM	FG	FGA	Tot. Pts.
Los Angeles	18	21	39	*38	1	11	19	*s307
Baltimore	16	*25	*41	36	*5	7	19	303
Cleveland	*20	12	32	32	0	*15	22	269
San Francisco	16	17	33	33	0	9	15	s260
New York	17	15	32	32	0	10	18	254
Detroit	13	17	30	30	0	13	25	s251
Washington	19	11	30	29	1	14	23	251
Green Bay	14	12	26	26	0	12	21	218
†Chicago Bears	16	7	23	23	0	14	*26	203
Chicago Cardinals	14	12	26	24	2	6	17	s200
Philadelphia	11	10	21	20	1	9	14	173
Pittsburgh	9	11	20	15	5	8	*26	s161
League Total	183	170	353	338	15	128	245	2850
League Average	15.3	14.2	29.4	28.2	1.3	10.7	20.4	237.5

*—High for 1957.
†—1956 leader.
s—Includes one safety.

1957 SCORING — INDIVIDUAL

	Td. R.	Td. P.	Tot. Tds.	XP	XPM	FG	FGA	Safety	Tot. Pts.
Baker, Washington	1	0	1	29	1	14	23	0	*77
Groza, Cleveland	0	0	0	32	0	*15	22	0	*77
Cone, Green Bay	2	0	2	26	0	12	17	0	74
Blanda, Chicago Bears	1	0	1	23	0	14	*26	0	71
Cothren, Los Angeles	0	0	0	*38	0	11	19	0	71
Moore, Baltimore	4	7	*11	0	0	0	0	0	66
Agajanian, New York	0	0	0	32	0	10	18	0	62
Brown, Cleveland	*9	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	60
Soltau, San Francisco	0	0	0	33	0	9	15	0	60
Gifford, New York	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	54
Matson, Chi. Cards.	6	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	54
Walston, Philadelphia	0	1	1	20	1	9	12	0	53
Mutscheller, Baltimore	0	*8	8	0	0	0	0	0	48
†Layne, Detroit	0	0	0	25	0	6	11	0	43
Ameche, Baltimore	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	42
Bosseler, Washington	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	42
Galimore, Chi. Bears	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	42
Summerall, Chi. Cards.	0	0	0	24	2	6	17	0	42
Arnett, Los Angeles	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
Berry, Baltimore	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
Casares, Chicago Bears	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
Cassady, Detroit	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
Hirsch, Los Angeles	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
Podoley, Washington	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
Renfro, Cleveland	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
Sutton, Washington	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
Tittle, San Francisco	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
Webster, New York	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
Wilson, San Francisco	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
Rechichar, Baltimore	0	0	0	22	*3	3	13	0	31
Doran, Detroit	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
Howton, Green Bay	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
Johnson, Detroit	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
Lewis, Chi. Cardinals	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
Owens, San Francisco	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
Schnelker, New York	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
Girard, Pittsburgh	0	4	4	2	1	1	3	0	29
Martin, Detroit	0	0	0	5	0	7	14	0	26
Myhra, Baltimore	0	0	0	14	2	4	6	0	26
Glick, Pittsburgh	0	0	0	10	2	5	18	0	25
Carpenter, Cleveland	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
Clarke, Los Angeles	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
Conner, San Francisco	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
Dupre, Baltimore	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
Junker, Detroit	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
Marconi, Los Angeles	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
Mathews, Pittsburgh	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
Nagler, Chi. Cardinals	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
Van Brocklin, L. A.	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
Wilson, Los Angeles	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
Babb, San Francisco	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18
Boyd, Los Angeles	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	18

*—High for 1957.
†—1956 leader.

INTERCEPTIONS

Milton Davis, Baltimore; Jack Christiansen, Detroit, and Jack Butler, Pittsburgh, tied for the individual interception championship of the National Football League in 1957, the first tie since the 1947 season, final official statistics reveal.

Each of the three defensive players snared ten passes. Davis returned his for 219 yards and two touchdowns. He raced 75 yards with one interception to score a touchdown. Christiansen ran his ten back for 137 yards and one touchdown while Butler returned his for 85 yards.

Lindon Crow, of the Chicago Cardinals, last year's champion, finished with one interception for no yards.

Two players tied for fourth place, John Symank and Bobby Dillon, both of Geen Bay, who garnered nine apiece. The first named returned his for 198 yards and the latter for 180 yards and one touchdown.

Davis led in both number of yards returned and touchowns while Jerry Norton, Philadelphia, had the longest return of the season, 99 yards for a touchdown. The best average return was made by Joseph Walton, Washington, whose one return was good for 55 yards.

Green Bay won the team championship with 9.55 percent of interceptions, by capturing 30 of its opponents' 314 passes. Detroit wound up second with 8.62, Baltimore third, 8.19, Pittsburgh fourth, 8.12, and New York fifth, 7.96.

1957 INTERCEPTIONS — TEAM

	No.	Yds. Ret.	Ave. Ret.	Tds.	Long	Chances	Pct. Int.
Green Bay	*30	*561	18.7	1	t55	314	*9.55
Detroit	25	311	12.4	1	63	290	8.62
Baltimore	28	349	12.5	2	t75	*342	8.19
Pittsburgh	19	195	10.3	0	44	234	8.12
New York	18	276	15.3	*3	t52	226	7.96
Cleveland	19	223	11.7	0	43	242	7.85
Philadelphia	17	442	‡26.0	2	*t99	257	6.61
Washington	16	203	12.7	0	55	262	6.11
San Francisco	18	264	14.7	1	t54	332	5.42
†Chicago Cardinals	12	183	15.3	0	34	233	5.15
Chicago Bears	15	185	12.3	0	34	306	4.90
Los Angeles	14	236	16.9	1	51	301	4.65
League Total	231	3428	14.8	11	*t99	3339	6.92
League Average	19.3	285.7	14.8	.92	‡59.7	278.3	6.92

*—High for 1957.
†—1956 leader.
NOTE: Final standings based on percent intercepted.
‡—Average of 12 longest runs.
t—Touchdown run.

1957 INTERCEPTIONS — INDIVIDUAL

	No.	Yds. Ret.	Tds.	Lg. Ret.	Ave. Ret.
Davis, Balto.	*10	*219	*2	*t75	21.9
Christiansen, Det.	*10	137	1	52	13.7
Butler, Pitts.	*10	85	0	20	8.5
Symank, G.B.	9	198	0	36	22.0
Dillon, G.B.	9	180	1	t55	20.0
Moegle, S.F.	8	107	0	40	13.4
Tunnell, N.Y.	6	87	1	t52	14.5
Gremminger, G.B.	5	93	0	45	18.6
Karilivacz, Det.	5	54	0	30	10.8
Rechichar, Balto.	5	33	0	21	6.6
Norton, Phila.	5	29	0	13	5.8
Nelson, Balto.	4	155	1	t99	38.75
Forester, G.B.	4	79	0	37	19.8
Brookshier, Phila.	4	74	0	40	18.5
Richter, L.A.	4	60	0	25	15.0
Johnson, Bears	4	36	0	20	9.0
Paul, Cleve.	4	28	0	12	7.0
Konz, Cleve.	4	20	0	16	5.0
Bookman, N.Y.	3	54	1	t31	18.0
Hill, Cards	3	53	0	31	17.7
Harris, Phila.	3	99	1	t65	33.0
Bednarik, Phila.	3	51	0	37	17.0
Patton, N.Y.	3	50	1	t50	16.7
Shula, Wash.	3	48	0	30	16.0
Freeman, Cleve.	3	46	0	25	15.3
Hecker, Wash.	3	39	0	22	13.0
Burroughs, L.A.	3	29	0	24	9.7
David, Det.	3	20	0	17	6.7
Zucco, Bears	3	20	0	14	6.7
Wren, Cleve.	2	73	0	43	36.5
Lary, Det.	2	64	0	63	32.0
Dodrill, Pitts.	2	50	0	44	25.0
Lane, Cards	2	47	0	33	23.5
Svoboda, N.Y.	2	43	0	43	21.5
Bernardi, Cards	2	40	0	23	20.0
Bell, Phila.	2	38	0	38	19.0
Lewis, Cards	2	34	0	30	17.0
Shinnick, Balto.	2	31	0	22	15.5
Zagers, Wash.	2	29	0	22	14.5
Moore, Bears	2	28	0	20	14.0
Stits, S.F.	2	28	0	20	14.0
Shofner, L.A.	2	27	0	15	13.5
Wallace, Bears	2	23	0	21	11.5
Caroline, Bears	2	22	0	20	11.0
Hazeltine, S.F.	2	22	0	14	11.0
Tarasovic, Pitts.	2	21	0	11	10.5
Walker, S.F.	2	20	0	12	10.0
Costello, Cleve.	2	19	0	12	9.5
Smith, S.F.	2	17	0	12	8.5
Lahr, Cleve.	2	12	0	10	6.0
Drazenovich, Wash.	2	6	0	4	3.0
James, Wash.	2	3	0	3	1.5
Glick, Pitts.	2	0	0	0	0.0
Walton, Wash.	1	55	0	55	*55.0
Herchman, S.F.	1	54	1	t54	54.0
Sherman, L.A.	1	51	0	51	51.0
Alban, Pitts.	1	35	0	35	35.0
Hansen, Bears	1	34	0	34	34.0
Daugherty, L.A.	1	32	1	t32	32.0
Whittenton, L.A.	1	31	0	31	31.0
Wydo, Phila.	1	25	0	25	25.0
Martin, Det.	1	22	0	22	22.0
Smith, Bears	1	22	0	22	22.0
Svare, N.Y.	1	21	0	21	21.0
Patera, Balto.	1	16	0	16	16.0
Rubke, S.F.	1	16	0	16	16.0
Fiss, Cleve.	1	15	0	15	15.0
DeCarlo, Balto.	1	14	0	14	14.0
Nolan, N.Y.	1	12	0	12	12.0
Palumbo, G.B.	1	11	0	11	11.0
Sutton, Wash.	1	11	0	11	11.0
Michaels, Cleve.	1	10	0	6	10.0
Schmidt, Det.	1	8	0	8	8.0
Sagely, Cards	1	7	0	7	7.0
Taseff, Balto.	1	7	0	7	7.0
Dougherty, L.A.	1	6	0	6	6.0
Felton, Wash.	1	6	0	6	6.0
Huff, N.Y.	1	6	0	6	6.0
Torgeson, Wash.	1	6	0	6	6.0
Rozzell, Pitts.	1	4	0	4	4.0
Crawford, N.Y.	1	3	0	3	3.0
Long, Det.	1	3	0	3	3.0
Lowe, Det.	1	3	0	3	3.0
Sanford, Cards	1	2	0	2	2.0
Barr, Det.	1	0	0	0	0.0
Bruney, Pitts.	1	0	0	0	0.0
†Crow, Cards	1	0	0	0	0.0
Helluin, G.B.	1	0	0	0	0.0
Joyce, Balto.	1	0	0	0	0.0
Moore, Balto.	1	0	0	0	0.0
Morris, L.A.	1	0	0	0	0.0
Petitbon, G.B.	1	0	0	0	0.0
Thomas, Balto.	1	0	0	0	0.0

*—High for 1957.
†—1956 leader.
t—Touchdown run.

PASS RECEIVING

Billy Wilson, of San Francisco, for the second year in succession is the pass receiving champion of the National Football League, according to final official statistics.

The Forty Niners' brilliantly consistent end caught 52 passes for 757 yards and six touchdowns to bring his lifetime mark in seven seasons to 317 receptions, 4719 yards gained and 39 touchdowns.

In 1954 Wilson tied with Pete Pihos for top honors and in 1955 he finished second to the former Philadelphia Eagle great.

Raymond Berry, Baltimore, who finished ninth a year ago, leaped to second place with 47 caught for 800 yards and six touchdowns. Jack McClairen, Pittsburgh, who caught only five passes in 1956, finished in third position with 46 for 630 yards and two touchdowns.

Frank Gifford, third a year ago, dropped down a notch to fourth place with 41 for 588 yards and four touchdowns. Lenny Moore, of Baltimore, upped his receptions from 11 a year ago to 40 for 687 yards and seven touchdowns to wind up fifth.

Berry gained the most yards; Ray Renfro, Cleveland, had the best average gain, 29 yards; Gern Nagler made the longest gain, 83 yards, and James Mutscheller, Baltimore, scored the most touchdowns, eight.

Elroy Hirsch, veteran Los Angeles wingman, caught 32 passes to bring his lifetime total for nine seasons to 343.

1957 PASS RECEIVING — INDIVIDUAL

	No. Rec.	Yds. Gain	Ave. Gain	Lg. G.	Tds.
†*Wilson, S.F.	*52	757	14.6	40	6
Berry, Balto.	47	*800	17.0	t67	6
McClaren, Pitts.	46	630	13.7	t48	2
Gifford, N.Y.	41	588	14.3	63	4
Moore, Balto.	40	687	17.2	t82	7
Howton, G.B.	38	727	19.1	t77	5
Dooley, Bears	37	530	14.3	32	1
McElhenny, S.F.	37	458	12.4	43	2
Carson, Wash.	34	583	17.1	38	3
Doran, Det.	33	624	18.9	t65	5
Mutscheller, Balto.	32	558	17.4	t68	*8
Hirsch, L.A.	32	477	14.9	45	6
Dupre, Balto.	32	339	10.6	43	2
Brewster, Cleve.	30	614	20.5	56	2
Conner, S.F.	30	412	13.7	41	4
Webster, N.Y.	30	330	11.0	41	1
Boyd, L.A.	29	534	18.4	51	3
Kramer, G.B.	28	337	12.0	31	0
Podoley, Wash.	27	554	20.5	t82	4
Nagler, Cards	27	475	17.6	*t83	4
Carpenter, P. Cleve.	27	398	14.6	33	2
Owens, S.F.	27	395	14.6	t46	5
Rote, N.Y.	25	358	14.3	t33	3
Cassady, Det.	25	325	13.0	48	3
Casares, Bears	25	225	9.0	43	0
Clarke, L.A.	23	442	19.2	t70	4
Junker, Det.	22	305	13.9	32	4
Renfro, Cleve.	21	589	*29.0	t65	6
Hill, Bears	21	483	23.0	53	2
Lewis, Cards	21	424	20.2	t53	5
Girard, Pitts.	21	419	20.0	46	4
Matson, Cards	20	451	22.6	t75	3
Schnelker, N.Y.	20	450	22.5	70	5
Babb, S.F.	20	141	7.1	17	0
Johnson, Det.	20	141	7.1	16	0
Rogel, Pitts.	20	128	6.4	18	0
McColl, Bears	19	282	14.8	30	1
Barnes, Phila.	19	212	11.16	t67	1
Bosseler, Wash.	19	152	8.0	25	0
Arnett, L.A.	18	322	17.9	t66	3
Middleton, Det.	18	294	16.3	56	2
McIlhenny, G.B.	18	210	11.7	t28	2
McGee, G.B.	17	273	16.1	49	1
Reichow, Det.	17	215	12.6	t32	3
MacAfee, N.Y.	16	229	14.3	41	2
Marconi, L.A.	16	171	10.7	t61	1
Brown, Cleve.	16	55	3.4	12	1
Mathews, Pitts.	15	369	24.6	64	4
Galimore, Bears	15	201	13.4	t56	2
Ameche, Balto.	15	137	9.1	40	2
Perry, S.F.	15	130	8.7	17	0
Ferguson, G.B.	15	107	7.1	17	1
Stribling, Phila.	14	194	13.86	t58	1
Boydston, Cards	14	193	13.8	33	0
Wells, Pitts.	14	89	6.4	17	0
Carmichael, G.B.	13	184	14.2	39	0
Melinger, Wash.	13	183	14.1	t34	2
Walston, Phils.	11	266	24.18	49	1
Bowman, Pitts.	11	107	9.7	21	0
Peaks, Phila.	11	99	9.0	53	0
Childress, Cards	10	146	14.6	28	0
Gedman, Det.	10	135	13.5	47	0
Retzlaff, Phila.	10	120	12.0	28	0
Nickel, Pitts.	10	115	11.5	31	1

*—High for 1957.
†—1956 leader.
t—Touchdown run.

BALL CARRYING

James Brown, first choice of the Cleveland Browns in the 1957 selections, won the ball carrying championship of the National Football League in his freshman year with 942 yards on 202 attempts for an average of 4.7 yards, according to final official statistics.

The former Syracuse University four letter athlete, is the second first year man since 1943 to capture highest honors in ball carrying. Two years ago Alan Ameche, of Baltimore, accomplished the feat that had previously been attained by only six first year men since 1934.

In gaining the title Brown established a new record for most yards gained in one game. In his ninth contest of the season he gained 237

yards on 31 attempts to eclipse the previous record of 223 yards made by Thomas Wilson, Los Angeles, in 1956. The speedy fullback gained 109 yards in another game. His longest gain of the season was 69 yards for a touchdown, one of nine he scored during the season.

Rick Casares, of the Chicago Bears, defending champion, finished in the runnerup spot with 700 yards on 204 attempts for an average of 3.4 yards. His biggest gain in a single game was 116 yards.

Don Bosseler, Washington's first year star, finished third with 673 yards on 167 attempts for a four yard average. John H. Johnson, of Detroit, who was 29th last season, finished fourth with 621 yards for a 4.8 average; Tom Wilson, Los Angeles, seventeenth a season ago, jumped to fifth place with 616 yards and a 4.9 yard average.

Joe Perry, San Francisco's veteran back, brought his lifetime record of yards gained to 5791 by registering 454 yards during the 1957 season. He now is only 69 yards behind the total yards gained record held by Steve Van Buren, former Philadelphia Eagles star. The Forty Niner has averaged 5.03 yards on his 1151 attempts in eight seasons, the same number of years Van Buren played.

In addition to Brown and Casares the following players gained 100 yards or more in a single game, Wilson, Los Angeles; Hugh McElhenny, San Francisco, and Johnson, Detroit, twice; and Ollie Matson, Chicago Cardinals; William Galimore, Chicago Bears; John Arnett and Ron Waller, Los Angeles; Perry, San Francisco; Lew Carpenter, Cleveland; Robert Epps and Frank Gifford, New York, and Paul Hornung, Green Bay.

Los Angeles wrested the team championship from the Chicago Bears, leaders in 1955 and 1956, with 2142 yards on 474 attempts for a 4.5 average. Cleveland followed Los Angeles with 1958 yards. Washington wound up third with 1873 yards, Detroit fourth, 1811 and Baltimore fifth, 1735.

1957 BALL CARRYING — TEAM

	Atts.	Tot. Yds. Gained	Long. Gain	Ave.	First Downs	Touch-downs
Los Angeles	474	*2142	*76	*4.5	*112	15
Cleveland	*501	1958	t69	3.9	93	*19
Washington	500	1873	43	3.7	107	17
Detroit	409	1811	62	4.4	103	12
Baltimore	434	1735	t55	4.0	91	12
†Chicago Bears	457	1686	t67	3.7	82	15
New York	441	1649	55	3.7	95	13
San Francisco	377	1622	34	4.3	92	15
Philadelphia	424	1582	61	3.7	80	9
Chicago Cardinals	365	1442	t56	4.0	77	12
Green Bay	380	1441	72	3.8	72	13
Pittsburgh	390	1174	51	3.0	59	7
League Total	5152	20,115	76	3.9	1063	159
League Average	429.3	1676.3	‡64.3	3.9	88.6	13.3

*—High for 1957.
†—1956 leader.
t—Touchdown run.
‡—Average of 12 longest runs.

1957 BALL CARRYING — INDIVIDUAL

	Atts.	Yds. G.	Lg. G.	Ave.	Tds.
*Brown, Cleveland	202	*942	t69	4.7	*9
†Casares, Bears	*204	700	t25	3.4	6
Bosseler, Washington	167	673	28	4.0	7
Johnson, Detroit	129	621	62	4.8	5
Wilson, Los Angeles	127	616	46	4.9	3
Matson, Cardinals	134	577	t56	4.3	6
Galimore, Bears	127	538	t67	4.2	5
Wells, Pittsburgh	154	532	51	3.5	0
Barnes, Philadelphia	143	529	41	3.7	1
Gifford, New York	136	528	41	3.9	5
Peaks, Philadelphia	125	495	35	4.0	1
Ameche, Baltimore	144	493	49	3.4	5
Moore, Baltimore	98	488	t55	*5.0	3
Marconi, Los Angeles	104	481	31	4.6	3
McElhenny, San Francisco	102	478	61	4.7	1
Webster, New York	135	478	34	3.5	5
Perry, San Francisco	97	454	34	4.7	3
Podoley, Washington	114	442	33	3.9	2
Sutton, Washington	108	407	31	3.8	5
Younger, Los Angeles	96	401	29	4.2	3
McIlhenny, Green Bay	100	384	t40	3.8	1
Dupre, Baltimore	101	375	22	3.7	2
Hanulak, Cleveland	125	375	t64	3.0	3
Rote, Detroit	70	366	23	5.2	1
Arnett, Los Angeles	86	347	t68	4.0	2
Babb, San Francisco	102	330	19	3.2	3
Hornung, Green Bay	60	319	72	5.3	3
Carpenter, L., Cleveland	83	315	55	3.8	4
Waller, Los Angeles	48	292	*76	6.1	0
Epps, New York	63	286	55	4.5	0
Gedman, Detroit	67	278	59	4.1	3
Olszewski, Cardinals	83	271	38	3.3	2
Cassady, Detroit	73	250	57	3.4	3
Rogel, Pittsburgh	68	232	23	3.4	1
Tittle, San Francisco	40	220	45	5.5	6
Ferguson, Green Bay	59	216	t40	3.7	1
Triplett, New York	61	216	16	3.5	0
Watkins, Bears	57	212	19	3.7	1
Elter, Washington	45	211	22	3.8	2
Keller, Philadelphia	57	195	15	3.4	0
Unitas, Baltimore	42	171	24	4.1	1
Childress, Cardinals	41	168	t39	4.1	1
Hammack, Cardinals	30	158	17	5.3	0
Young, Pittsburgh	56	153	14	2.7	2
Call, Baltimore	33	145	24	4.4	0
Cone, Green Bay	53	135	t26	2.5	2
Worden, Philadelphia	42	133	17	3.2	0
Brown, Bears	31	129	31	4.2	1
Plum, Cleveland	26	118	30	4.5	0
Carmichael, Green Bay	37	118	10	3.2	1
Hart, Detroit	24	99	15	4.1	0
Layne, Detroit	24	99	21	4.1	0
Starr, Green Bay	31	98	16	3.2	3
Mann, Cardinals	22	92	25	4.2	0
Filipski, New York	22	89	11	4.0	0
Carpenter, P., Cleveland	3	86	39	28.7	1
Bratkowski, Bears	12	83	24	6.9	0
Parilli, Green Bay	24	83	20	3.5	2
McHan, Cardinals	25	82	t18	3.3	2
Morrall, Pittsburgh	41	81	35	2.0	2
Barnes, San Francisco	20	78	16	3.9	0
Bowman, Pittsburgh	28	76	13	2.7	0
Norton, Philadelphia	2	73	61	36.5	0
Sears, Cardinals	17	68	t49	4.0	1
Thomason, Philadelphia	15	62	19	4.1	3
Scudero, Washington	9	60	43	6.7	0
Reynolds, Cleveland	29	57	8	2.0	1
Dorow, Philadelphia	17	52	14	3.1	2
Runnels, Washington	20	52	16	2.6	0
Derby, Pittsburgh	18	49	7	2.7	2
Moegle, San Francisco	9	48	t18	5.3	1
Tracy, Detroit	16	46	17	2.9	0
McGee, Green Bay	5	40	24	8.0	0
McDonald, Philadelphia	12	36	22	3.0	0
Lary, Detroit	1	32	32	32.0	0
Dawson, Pittsburgh	3	31	27	10.3	0
Shaw, Baltimore	5	30	11	6.0	1
Conerly, New York	15	24	13	1.6	1
Baker, Washington	2	23	12	11.5	1
Campbell, Cleveland	7	23	14	3.3	0
Renfro, Cleveland	2	22	16	11.0	0
Purnell, Green Bay	5	22	7	4.4	0
Modzelewski, Cleveland	10	21	5	2.1	0
Watson, Pittsburgh	12	21	12	1.8	0
Howton, Green Bay	4	20	11	5.0	0
James, Washington	7	19	8	2.7	0
Pricer, Baltimore	2	18	14	9.0	0
Womble, Baltimore	7	18	7	2.6	0
Arenas, San Francisco	5	14	t7	2.8	1
Rote, New York	1	13	13	13.0	0
Larson, Cardinals	8	12	8	1.5	0
Drzewiecki, Bears	5	11	6	2.2	0
Jeter, Bears	10	11	7	1.1	0
Heinrich, New York	4	10	t7	2.5	2
Marchibrodia, Cardinals	4	10	7	2.5	0
Reichow, Detroit	2	9	7	4.5	0
Hirsch, Los Angeles	1	8	8	8.0	0
Smith, Bears	1	8	8	8.0	0
Walston, Philadelphia	1	7	7	7.0	0
Hill, Bears	2	7	8	3.5	0
Brown, Detroit	2	6	3	3.0	0
Hughes, Pittsburgh	2	6	4	3.0	0
Johnson, Green Bay	2	6	3	3.0	0
Dibble, Detroit	1	5	5	5.0	0
Wade, Los Angeles	1	5	5	5.0	0
Bernardi, Cardinals	1	4	4	4.0	0
Clatterbuck, New York	3	3	3	1.0	0
McCormack, Cleveland	0	4	4	0.0	0
Youngelman, Philadelphia	0	3	3	0.0	0
Chandler, New York	1	2	2	2.0	0
Caroline, Bears	1	1	1	1.0	0
Myhra, Baltimore	1	1	1	1.0	0
Brodie, San Francisco	2	0	0	0.0	0
Kemp, Pittsburgh	3	−1	2	0.0	0
Mathews, Pittsburgh	3	−1	6	0.0	0
Bukich, Washington	8	−2	16	0.0	0
Jurgensen, Philadelphia	10	−3	8	0.0	2
Clarke, Los Angeles	1	−4	0	0.0	0
Nyers, Baltimore	1	−4	0	0.0	0
Van Brocklin, Los Angeles	10	−4	3	0.0	4
Blanda, Bears	5	−5	t1	0.0	1
Girard, Pittsburgh	2	−5	0	0.0	0
O'Connell, Cleveland	14	−5	7	0.0	1
Fortunato, Bears	2	−9	t1	0.0	1
LeBaron, Washington	20	−12	11	0.0	0

*—Outstanding 1957 performance.
†—1956 Leader.
t—Touchdown run.

KICKOFF RETURNS

Jon Arnett, in his first year as a member of the Los Angeles Rams, won the 1957 kickoff championship of the National Football League, according to final official statistics.

The former U. S. C. star returned 18 kickoffs for 504 yards and an average of 28 yards per return to supplant his teammate Tom Wilson, last year's champion. Arnett's longest return was 98 yards for a touchdown.

Joe Arenas, San Francisco, finished second, the same position he gained last year. He carried back 24 for 657 yards for an average of 27.4 yards. Billy Wells, who returned one kickoff for Washington and 11 for Pittsburgh, for 325 yards and a 27.1 average wound up in third position. Fourth place was won by J. D. Smith, San Francisco, with a 26.3 average and fifth by Woodley Lewis, Chicago Cardinals, with 26.2.

Albert Carmichael, Green Bay, who led the league in 1955, ran back the most kickoffs, 31, and gained the most ground, 690 yards. He finished eleventh with a 22.3 yard average.

San Francisco won the team championship, dethroning Pittsburgh, holder of the title for two years, with a 26.1 yard average on 42 returns. The Chicago Cardinals finished second with 24.8, followed by Los Angeles, 23.5; Pittsburgh, 23.24, and New York, 23.23.

1957 KICKOFF RETURNS — TEAM

	No. Ret.	Yds. Ret.	Ave. Dist.	Long Ret.	Tds.
San Francisco	42	1066	*26.1	64	0
Chicago Cardinals	47	1167	24.8	52	0
Los Angeles	49	1150	23.5	*t98	1
†Pittsburgh	25	581	23.24	t96	1
New York	42	976	23.23	34	0
Washington	38	874	23.0	45	0
Baltimore	42	948	22.6	t92	1
Green Bay	*58	*1261	21.7	53	0
Chicago Bears	39	836	21.4	73	0
Cleveland	33	686	20.8	36	0
Philadelphia	41	838	20.4	50	0
Detroit	37	747	20.2	45	0
League Total	493	11,160	22.6	t98	3
League Average	41.1	930.0	22.6	‡59.3	.25

*—Highfor1957. ‡Average of 12 longest returns.
†—1956 Leader. t—Touchdown return.
NOTE: Standing computed on basis of average return.

1957 KICKOFF RETURNS — INDIVIDUAL

	Stdg.	No.	Yds. Ret.	Ave.	Long Ret.	Td.
Arnett, L.A.	1	18	504	*28.0	*t98	1
Arenas, S.F.	2	24	657	27.4	64	0
Wells, Pitts.	3	12	325	27.1	t96	1
Smith, S.F.	4	14	368	26.3	38	0
Lewis, Cards	5	26	682	26.2	52	0
McIlhenny, G.B.	6	14	362	25.9	53	0
Drzewiecki, Bears	7	13	315	24.2	55	0
Filipski, N.Y.	8	26	613	23.6	34	0
Call, Balto.	9	14	329	23.5	45	0
Zagers, Wash.	10	15	348	23.2	35	0
Carmichael, G.B.	11	*31	*690	22.3	33	0
Waller, L.A.	12	13	289	22.2	46	0
James, Wash.	13	12	259	21.6	38	0
Keller, Phila.	14	15	320	21.3	37	0
Nyers, Balto.	15	17	350	20.6	46	0
McDonald, Phila.		11	304	27.6	50	0
†Wilson, L.A.		11	290	26.4	35	0
Campbell, Cleve.		11	263	23.9	36	0
Cassady, Det.		10	232	23.2	37	0
Patton, N.Y.		10	223	22.3	33	0
Barr, Det.		9	153	17.0	27	0
Zucco, Bears		8	224	28.0	73	0
Sears, Cards		8	220	27.5	33	0
Matson, Cards		7	154	22.0	32	0
Reynolds, Cleve.		7	152	21.7	29	0
Gedman, Det.		6	158	26.3	45	0
Derby, Pitts.		6	137	22.8	30	0
Brown, Cleve.		6	136	22.7	29	0
Brown, Det.		6	106	17.7	23	0
Galimore, Bears		5	140	28.0	47	0
Bruney, Pitts.		5	101	20.2	31	0
Peaks, Phila.		5	98	19.6	27	0
Cone, G.B.		5	83	16.6	25	0
Davidson, Balto.		5	79	15.8	21	0
Modzelewski, Cleve.		5	74	14.8	18	0
Bookman, N.Y.		4	102	25.5	33	0
Christiansen, Det.		4	80	20.0	22	0
Caroline, Bears		4	77	19.3	23	0
McGee, G.B.		4	69	17.3	32	0
Worden, Phila.		4	63	15.8	19	0
Forester, G.B.		4	57	14.3	27	0
Scudero, Wash.		3	95	31.7	45	0
Jeter, Bears		3	62	20.7	28	0
Podoley, Wash.		3	56	18.7	24	0
Pardee, L.A.		3	21	7.0	15	0
Brackett, Bears		3	5	1.7	3	0
Runnels, Wash.		2	66	33.0	38	0
Pricer, Balto.		2	40	20.0	23	0
Carr, Cards		2	39	19.5	21	0
Crawford, N.Y.		2	38	19.0	25	0
Alban, Pitts.		2	33	16.5	22	0
Hammack, Cards		2	33	16.5	17	0
Norton, Phila.		2	33	16.5	18	0
Clarke, Cleve.		2	22	11.0	13	0
Bielski, Phila.		2	11	5.5	10	0
Putnam, L.A.		2	11	5.5	11	0
Taylor, L.A.		1	35	35.0	35	0
Carpenter, L., Clv.		1	24	24.0	24	0
Hazeltine, S.F.		1	23	23.0	23	0
Mann, Cards		1	23	23.0	23	0
Owens, Balto.		1	23	23.0	23	0
Myhra, Balto.		1	19	19.0	19	0
Sutton, Wash.		1	19	19.0	19	0
Perry, Det.		1	18	18.0	18	0
Moore, Balto.		1	16	16.0	16	0
Freeman, Cleve.		1	15	15.0	15	0
Khayat, Wash.		1	12	12.0	12	0
Carr, S.F.		1	10	10.0	10	0
Jessup, S.F.		1	8	8.0	8	0
Bell, Phila.		1	7	7.0	7	0
Damore, Bears		1	7	7.0	7	0
Williams, Bears		1	6	6.0	6	0
Rogel, Pitts.		1	4	4.0	4	0
Summerall, Cards		1	3	3.0	3	0
Wydo, Phila.		1	2	2.0	2	0
Babb, S.F.		1	0	0.0	0	0
Casares, Bears		1	0	0.0	0	0
Cronin, Det.		1	0	0.0	0	0
Lundy, L.A.		1	0	0.0	0	0
Rechichar, Balto.		1	0	0.0	0	0
Moore, Balto.		LO	92	0.0	t92	1
Olszewski, Cards		LO	13	0.0	13	0
Palatella S.F.		LO	30	0.0	30	0

*—High for 1957. t—Touchdown return.
†—1956 leader. L—Lateral.
NOTE: Standing computed on basis of average return. Only players with 12 or more returns qualify for championship rating.

PUNT RETURNS

Bert Zagers, of Washington, who did not gain championship rating in 1955 when he started with the Redskins, won the 1957 punt return title of the National Football League, final official figures show.

The former Michigan State back concluded the year with an average return of 15.5 yards for the 14 punts he caught. He gained 217 yards, the highest of all players in the category. His longest gain was for 76 yards and a touchdown.

Albert Carmichael, Green Bay, jumped from sixth place a year ago to second with a 7.6 average for the 25 he caught and returned 190 yards. Woodley Lewis, Chicago Cardinals, averaged 7.3 for his 24 returns to take third place. Billy Wells, Pittsburgh, took fourth place with 6.8 and Jon Arnett, Los Angeles, fifth with 6.07.

Washington won the team championship with an average of 10.5 yards. The Redskins returned 44 of their opponents' 59 punts for 460 yards. Green Bay 7.1, Chicago Cardinals 6.5, Los Angeles 5.5, and Pittsburgh 5.41 finished in that order.

1957 PUNT RETURNS — TEAM

	No.	No. Opp. Punts	Pct. Ret.	Yds. Ret.	Ave. Ret.	Long Ret.	Tds.
Washington	44	59	74.6	*460	*10.5	*t76	*2
Green Bay	36	50	72.0	256	7.1	48	0
†Chicago Cardinals	40	60	66.7	258	6.5	31	0
Los Angeles	36	61	59.0	198	5.5	28	0
Pittsburgh	*51	62	82.3	276	5.41	30	0
Philadelphia	37	58	63.8	199	5.38	38	0
Detroit	41	55	74.5	200	4.9	36	0
Cleveland	48	72	66.7	231	4.8	32	0
New York	43	60	71.7	180	4.2	23	0
Baltimore	33	56	58.9	133	4.0	49	0
Chicago Bears	43	*76	56.6	146	3.4	25	0
San Francisco	37	47	78.7	122	3.3	26	0
League Total	489	716	68.3	2659	5.4	t76	2
League Average	40.8	59.7	68.3	221.6	5.4	‡40.2	.17

*—High for 1957. ‡—Average of 12 longest returns.
†—1956 leader. t—Touchdown return.
NOTE: Standing computed on the basis of average return.

1957 PUNT RETURNS — INDIVIDUAL

	Stdg.	No.	Yds. Ret.	Ave.	Long Ret.	Td.
Zagers, Wash.	1	14	*217	*15.5	*t76	*2
Carmichael, G.B.	2	25	190	7.6	48	0
Lewis, Cards	3	24	175	7.3	51	0
Wells, Pitts.	4	21	143	6.8	30	0
Arnett, L.A.	5	14	85	6.07	22	0
Lary, Det.	6	25	139	5.6	36	0
Bruney, Pitts.	7	17	86	5.1	15	0
Tunnell, N.Y.	8	12	60	5.0	23	0
McDonald, Phila.	9	*26	127	4.9	28	0
Reynolds, Cleve.	10	24	114	4.8	23	0
Filipski, N.Y.	11	20	91	4.6	17	0
Reichichar, Balto.	12	22	71	3.2	22	0
Arenas, S.F.	13	25	80	3.2	26	0
Drzewiecki, Bears	14	22	64	2.9	11	0
Waller, L.A.	15	16	33	2.1	24	0
James, Wash.		11	83	7.54	27	0
Zucco, Bears		11	58	5.3	25	0
Hanulak, Cleve.		11	29	2.6	11	0
Patton, N.Y.		11	29	2.6	7	0
Runnels, Wash.		10	76	7.6	16	0
Matson, Cards		10	54	5.4	28	0
McElhenny, S.F.		10	41	4.1	13	0
Scudero, Wash.		9	84	9.3	21	0
Paul, Cleve.		9	75	8.3	32	0
Keller, Phila.		9	59	6.6	38	0
Barr, Det.		9	33	3.7	18	0
Derby, Pitts.		9	32	3.6	14	0
Taseff, Balto.		7	60	8.6	49	0
Caroline, Bears		6	20	3.3	10	0
Johnson, G.B.		4	39	9.8	13	0
Taylor, L.A.		3	41	13.7	28	0
Kinard, G.B.		3	19	6.3	19	0
Brown, Det.		3	16	5.3	15	0
†Konz, Cleve.		3	13	4.3	7	0
Christiansen, Det.		3	12	4.0	8	0
Symank, G.B.		3	0	0.0	0	0
Bernardi, Cards		2	12	6.0	7	0
Jeter, Bears		2	3	1.5	3	0
Smith, Bears		2	1	0.5	1	0
Moore, Balto.		2	0	0.0	0	0
Wilson, L.A.		1	28	28.0	28	0
Norton, Phila.		1	13	13.0	13	0
Burroughs, L.A.		1	11	11.0	11	0
Butler, Pitts.		1	10	10.0	10	0
Hill, Cards		1	9	9.0	9	0
Lane, Cards		1	8	8.0	8	0
Dillon, G.B.		1	8	8.0	8	0
Hughes, Pitts.		1	5	5.0	5	0
Shinnick, Balto.		1	2	2.0	2	0
Hazeltine, S.F.		1	1	1.0	1	0
Davis, Balto.		1	0	0.0	0	0
Glick, Pitts.		1	0	0.0	0	0
Harris, Phila.		1	0	0.0	0	0
Karilivacz, Det.		1	0	0.0	0	0
Mann, Cards		1	0	0.0	0	0
Moegle, S.F.		1	0	0.0	0	0
Robinson, Cleve.		1	0	0.0	0	0
Rozzell, Pitts.		1	0	0.0	0	0
Sears, Cards		1	0	0.0	0	0
Sherman, L.A.		1	0	0.0	0	0

NOTE: Standing computed on the basis of average return. Only players with 12 or more returns qualify for championship rating.
*—High for 1957. †—1956 leader. t—Touchdown return.

FORWARD PASSING

Tommy O'Connell, in his first full season as quarterback of the Cleveland Browns, won the forward passing championship of the National Football League in 1957, according to final official statistics.

The leading collegiate passer in 1952, O'Connell, who last year did not qualify for championship rating finished the 1957 season with an average gain in yards of 11.17. He attempted 110 passes, completed 63 for a 57.3 percentage, gained 1229 yards and pitched nine touchdown passes. Eight of his throws were intercepted.

Diminutive Eddie LeBaron, Washington's master of ball handling, finished second with an average gain of 9.03. He threw 167 passes, completed 99 for a 59.3 percentage, gained 1508 yards and tossed 11 touchdown passes. He had ten intercepted. Like O'Connell, LeBaron did not qualify a year ago.

Johnny Unitas, Baltimore, sixth a season ago, finished third with an 8.47 average. He tossed 301 passes, the largest number by any quarterback, completed 172 for a 57.1 average, gained 2550 yards, the best of the year, and delivered 24 touchdown passes, highest of the campaign.

Norm Van Brocklin, Los Angeles, champion in 1950, 1952 and 1954, wound up in fourth place with a 7.94 average. Lamar McHan, Chicago Cardinals, finished in the same position as he did in 1956, fifth, with a 7.84 average gain in yards. Y. A. Tittle, San Francisco, in sixth position with 7.73, completed the most passes, 176, and had the highest percentage, 63.1.

McHan threw the longest completed pass for a touchdown, 83 yards.

Cleveland won the team championship with an average gain of 8.78. Washington finished second, 8.06; New York third, 7.81; Baltimore fourth, 7.61, and Los Angeles fifth, 6.76

1957 FORWARD PASSING — TEAM

	Atts.	Com.	Pct. Com.	Yds. G. (Net)	First Downs	Td. P.	Ave. Gain Per Atts.
Cleveland	195	108	55.4	1712	76	12	*8.78
Washington	201	109	54.2	1621	78	11	8.06
New York	269	147	54.6	2100	103	15	7.81
Baltimore	314	177	56.4	*2388	*117	*25	7.61
Los Angeles	296	144	48.6	2001	104	21	6.76
San Francisco	305	*191	*62.6	2036	115	17	6.68
Chicago Cardinals	271	111	41.0	1775	75	12	6.55
†Chicago Bears	286	130	45.5	1768	92	7	6.18
Philadelphia	204	99	48.5	1155	51	10	5.66
Detroit	*361	163	45.2	2029	105	17	5.62
Green Bay	325	157	48.3	1791	90	12	5.51
Pittsburgh	312	149	47.8	1716	92	11	5.50
League Total	3339	1685	50.5	22,092	1098	170	6.62
League Average	278.3	140.4	50.5	1841.0	91.5	14.2	6.62

*—Outstanding 1957 performance.
†—1956 leader.

NOTE: Standing computed on average net gain per attempt.

1957 FORWARD PASSING — INDIVIDUAL

	No. Att.	No. Com.	Pct. Com.	Yds. Gain	Td. P.	Long Gain	No. Int.	Pct. Int.	Ave. Gain Yds.
*O'Connell, Cleve.	110	63	57.3	1229	9	t65	*8	7.3	*11.17
LeBaron, Wash.	167	99	59.3	1508	11	t82	10	6.0	9.03
Unitas, Balto.	*301	172	57.1	*2550	*24	t82	17	5.6	8.47
Van Brocklin, L.A.	265	132	49.8	2105	20	t70	21	7.9	7.94
McHan, Cards	200	87	43.5	1568	10	*t83	15	7.5	7.84
Tittle, S.F.	279	*176	*63.1	2157	13	t46	15	5.4	7.73
Conerly, N.Y.	232	128	55.2	1712	11	70	11	4.7	7.38
†Brown, Bears	185	84	45.4	1321	6	t74	16	8.6	7.14
Starr, G.B.	215	117	54.4	1489	8	t77	10	4.7	6.93
Morrall, Pitts.	289	139	48.1	1900	11	64	12	*4.2	6.57
Parilli, G.B.	102	39	38.2	669	4	t65	12	11.8	6.56
Layne, Detroit	179	87	48.6	1169	6	t65	12	6.7	6.53
Rote, Detroit	177	76	42.4	1070	11	48	10	5.6	6.05
Thomason, Phila.	92	46	50.0	630	4	t67	10	10.9	6.85
Plum, Cleve.	76	41	53.9	590	2	t58	5	6.6	7.76
Bratkowski, Bears	80	37	46.3	527	1	44	9	11.3	6.59
Jurgensen, Phila.	70	33	47.1	470	5	t61	8	11.4	6.71
Dorow, Phila.	36	17	47.2	212	1	49	4	11.1	5.89
Marchibroda, Cards	45	15	33.3	238	1	t75	5	11.1	5.29
Brodie, S.F.	21	11	52.4	160	2	28	3	14.3	7.62
Heinrich, N.Y.	26	11	42.3	224	1	63	1	3.8	8.62
Wade, L.A.	24	10	41.7	116	1	t35	1	4.2	4.83
Blanda, Bears	19	8	42.1	65	0	13	3	15.8	3.42
Kemp, Pitts.	18	8	44.4	88	0	21	2	11.1	4.89
Bukich, Washington	28	6	21.4	103	0	35	3	10.7	3.68
Larson, Cards	14	6	42.9	61	0	21	1	7.1	4.36
Shaw, Balto.	9	5	55.6	58	1	17	1	11.1	6.44
Gifford, N.Y.	6	4	66.7	143	2	t66	0	0.0	23.83
Arenas, S.F.	3	3	100.0	92	2	t33	0	0.0	30.67
Sutton, Wash.	5	3	60.0	95	0	51	0	0.0	19.00
Borton, Cleve.	6	3	50.0	22	0	8	1	16.7	3.67
Chandler, N.Y.	2	2	100.0	40	0	27	0	0.0	20.00
Clatterbuck, N.Y.	2	2	100.0	39	1	t28	0	0.0	19.50
Peaks, Phila.	3	2	66.7	56	0	37	1	33.3	18.67
Dawson, Pitts.	4	2	50.0	25	0	15	0	0.0	6.25
Matson, Cards	5	2	40.0	59	0	32	0	0.0	11.80
Waller, L.A.	6	2	33.3	35	0	30	0	0.0	5.83
Barnes, S.F.	1	1	100.0	−2	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
McDonald, Phila.	1	1	100.0	11	0	11	0	0.0	11.00
Runnels, Wash.	1	1	100.0	35	0	35	0	0.0	35.00
Casares, Bears	2	1	50.0	32	0	32	0	0.0	16.00
Childress, Cards	2	1	50.0	43	0	43	1	50.0	21.50
Hanulak, Cleveland	2	1	50.0	32	1	t32	0	0.0	16.00
Hornung, G.B.	6	1	16.7	−1	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
McElhenny, S.F.	0	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Barnes, Phila.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Bernardi, Cards	1	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Campbell, Cleve.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Epps, N.Y.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Ferguson, G.B.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Girard, Pitts.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Kramer, G.B.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0	1	100.0	0.00
Lary, Detroit	1	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Mann, Cards	1	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Norton, Phila.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Perry, S.F.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Younger, L.A.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0	1	100.0	0.00
Davidson, Balto.	2	0	00.0	0	0	0	1	50.0	0.00
Gedman, Detroit	2	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Moore, Balto.	2	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Reichow, Detroit	2	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Sears, Cards	3	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00

*—High for 1957.
†—1956 leader.
t—Touchdown pass.

NOTE: Standing computed on basis of average gain yards. To qualify for championship rating a player must throw at least 100 passes.

PUNTING

Don Chandler, in his second season as a member of the New York Giants, won the punting championship of the National Football League in 1957, official final statistics show.

A four-letter man at the University of Florida, Chandler finished the season with a 44.6 average for the 60 punts he booted 2673 yards. His longest punt of the season was 61 yards.

Norm Van Brocklin, defending champion, finished a close second to the Giants' kicker with a 44.3 average for 54 punts. Bill Jessup, San Francisco, averaged 43.6 to finish in third place. He was followed by Sam Baker, Washington, third last season, with 42.8 and Dave Mann, Chicago Cardinals, fourteenth a season ago, 42.5.

Jerry Norton, Philadelphia, and Jug Girard, Pittsburgh, made the most kicks, 68. Larry Barnes, San Francisco, made the longest punt, 86 yards.

San Francisco edged out New York 44.7 to 44.6 to win the team championship. Los Angeles finished third with 44.4, Washington fourth, 42.8, and Chicago Cardinals fifth, 42.5.

1957 PUNTING — TEAM

	No.	Ave. Dist.	No. Blkd.	Long	Ave. Net Gain	RET. BY OPPONENTS No. Ret.	Ave. Dist.	Pct. Ret.	Lg. Ret.	Tds. Ret.
San Francisco	57	*44.7	0	*86	*41.1	35	5.9	61.4	28	0
New York	60	44.6	0	61	39.1	45	7.2	75.0	*t76	1
†Los Angeles	56	44.4	0	71	39.5	37	6.2	66.1	42	0
Washington	50	42.8	0	63	41.0	35	2.5	70.0	30	0
Chicago Cards	59	42.5	0	67	38.0	46	5.8	78.0	32	0
Green Bay	63	42.0	2	71	39.6	40	3.7	63.5	34	0
Philadelphia	68	41.1	1	63	36.0	45	7.8	66.2	36	0
Pittsburgh	*70	40.1	0	56	35.5	45	7.2	64.3	25	0
Detroit	54	39.9	0	66	38.9	*33	*1.6	*61.1	10	0
Cleveland	61	39.3	1	63	34.1	47	6.7	77.0	t58	1
Chicago Bears	63	38.8	1	62	35.0	47	5.2	74.6	49	0
Baltimore	55	34.5	0	56	32.5	34	3.2	61.8	53	0
League Total	716	41.2	5	86	37.5	489	5.4	68.3	76	2
League Average	59.7	41.2	.42	‡68.1	37.5	40.8	5.4	68.3	§39.4	.17

*—High or best performance for 1957.
†—1956 leader.
‡—Average 12 longest punts.
§—Average 12 longest returns.
t—Touchdown return.

1957 PUNTING — INDIVIDUAL

	Stg.	No.	Ave. Dist.	Lg.	No. Blk.
Chandler, N.Y.	1	60	*44.6	61	0
†Van Brocklin, L.A.	2	54	44.3	71	0
Jessup, S.F.	3	38	43.6	62	0
Baker, Wash.	4	50	42.8	63	0
Mann, Cards	5	59	42.5	67	0
Deschaine, G.B.	6	63	42.0	71	2
Norton, Phila.	7	*68	41.4	63	1
Girard, Pitts.	8	*68	40.5	56	0
Brown, Bears	9	34	40.1	62	1
Lary, Detroit	10	54	39.9	66	0
Konz, Cleve.	11	61	39.3	63	1
Davidson, Balto.	12	47	35.4	56	0
Barnes, S.F.		19	47.1	*86	0
Bratkowski, Bears		16	38.6	52	0
Johnson, Bears		11	36.2	50	0
Reichichar, Balto.		5	31.4	51	0
Dupre, Balto.		3	25.0	38	0
Shofner, L.A.		2	48.5	52	0
Casares, Bears		2	33.5	41	0
Kemp, Pitts.		2	27.5	33	0

*—High for 1957.
†—1956 leader.

NOTE: Standings computed on the basis of average distance. A player must punt 24 or more times to be in championship rating.

All-Time NFL Records

BALL CARRYING

ATTEMPTS

Most Attempts—

1,320 Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia, 1944-1951 (eight seasons). (Gained 5,860 yards, averaged 4.4.)

1,171 Clarke Hinkle, Green Bay, 1932-1941 (ten seasons). (Gained 3,860 yards, averaged 3.29.)

1,151 Joseph Perry, San Francisco (eight seasons). (Gained 5,791 yards, averaged 5.03.)

1,025 Tony Canadeo, Green Bay, 1941-1944, 1946-1952 (eleven seasons). (Gained 4,197 yards, averaged 4.1.)

Most Attempts (one season)—

271 Edward Price, New York Giants, 1951. (Gained 971 yards, averaged 3.6.)

263 Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia, 1949. (Gained 1,146 yards, averaged 4.4.)

Most Attempts (one game)—

39 Harry Newman, New York Giants vs. Green Bay, Nov. 11, 1934. (Gained 114 yards, averaged 2.9.)

35 George Grosvenor, Chicago Cardinals vs. Green Bay, Dec. 6, 1936. (Gained 100 yards, averaged 2.8.)
Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia vs. New York Bulldogs, Nov. 20, 1949. (Gained 174 yards, averaged 5.0.)

GAINS

Total Yards Gained—

5,860 in 1,320 attempts (average 4.4 yards), Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia, 1944-1951 (eight seasons).

YEAR	GAMES	ATTEMPTS	YARDS GAINED	LONG GAIN	AVERAGE GAIN
1944	9	80	444	70	5.5
1945	10	143	832	69	5.8
1946	9	116	529	58	4.6
1947	12	217	1008	45	4.6
1948	11	201	945	29	4.7
1949	12	263	*1146	41	4.4
1950	10	188	629	41	3.3
1951	10	112	327	17	2.9
Totals	83	1320	5860	70	4.4

*—League record.

5,791 in 1,151 attempts (average 5.6 yards), Joseph Perry, San Francisco, 1950-1957 (eight seasons).

4,197 in 1,025 atempts (average 4.1 yards), Tony Canadeo, Green Bay, 1941-1944, 1946-1952 (eleven seasons).

3,860 in 1,171 attempts (average 3.29 yards), Clarke Hinkle, Green Bay, 1932-1941 (ten seasons).

(Editor's Note: Bronko Nagurski, Chicago Bears, credited with 4031 yards in 872 attempts, an average of 4.6 yards per attempt, in nine seasons—1930-1937 and 1943—including seasons of 1930 and 1931, two years before official statistics were recorded.)

Most Yards Gained (one season)—

1,146 Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia, 1949.

DATE	OPPONENT	ATTEMPTS	YARDS GAINED	LONG GAIN	AVERAGE GAIN
9-22	N.Y. Bulldogs	25	58	7	2.3
10-3	Detroit	33	135	12	4.0
10-8	Chi. Cards	22	98	32	4.4
10-16	Chi. Bears	15	18	7	1.2
10-23	Washington	12	39	8	3.3
10-30	Pittsburgh	17	103	31	6.0
11-6	Los Angeles	21	71	7	3.4
11-13	Washington	18	96	22	5.3
11-20	N.Y. Bulldogs	35	174	38	5.0
11-27	Pittsburgh	27	205	41	7.6
12-4	N.Y. Giants	17	53	14	3.1
12-11	N.Y. Giants	21	96	22	4.6
Totals—12		263	*1146	41	4.4

*—League record.

1,126 Rick Casares, Chicago Bears. 1956.

1,049 Joseph Perry, San Francisco, 1954.

Most Yards Gained (one game)—

237 in 31 attempts, James Brown, Cleveland Browns vs. Los Angeles Rams, Nov. 24, 1957.

LONGEST RUNS

Longest Run from Scrimmage—

97 Andy Uram, Green Bay, vs. Chicago Cards, Oct. 8, 1939. (Td.)
Robert Gage, Pittsburgh, vs. Chicago Bears, Dec. 4, 1949. (Td.)

Longest Return of Kickoff—

106 Albert Carmichael, Green Bay, vs. Detroit, Nov. 25, 1956. (Td.)

105 Ollie Matson, Cardinals, vs. Washington, Oct. 14, 1956. (Td.)

105 Frank Seno, Cards, vs. N.Y. Giants, October 20, 1946. (Td.)

104 Claude Young, Baltimore, vs. Phila., Nov. 15, 1953. (Td.)

103 Thomas Wilson, Los Angeles, vs. Baltimore, Nov. 25, 1956. (Td.)

103 Russ Craft, Philadelphia, vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 7, 1950. (Td.)

102 Dougal Russell, Cards, vs. Cincinnati, Sept. 23, 1934. (Td.)

Longest Punt Return—

98 Gil LeFebvre, Cincinnati, vs. Brooklyn, Dec. 3, 1933. (Td.)

96 Wm. Dudley, Washington, vs. Pittsburgh, Dec. 3, 1950. (Td.)

95 Frank Bernardi, Cards, vs. Washington, Oct. 14, 1956. (Td.)

Longest Return with Intercepted Forward Pass—

102 J. Robert Smith, Detroit, vs. Chi. Bears, Nov. 24, 1949. (Td.)

100 Vern Huffman, Detroit, vs. Brooklyn, Oct. 17, 1937. (Td.)

99 Martin Kottler, Pitts., vs. Chi. Cards, Sept. 27, 1933. (Td.)

99 Terry Norton, Philadelphia vs. New York, Oct. 5, 1957. (Td.)

Longest Return with Intercepted Forward Pass Plus Lateral—

99 Ernie Zalejski, Baltimore, vs. Washington, Nov. 26, 1950. (Td.)

Longest Return with Missed Field Goal—

99 Jerry Williams, L.A. Rams, vs. Green Bay, Dec. 16, 1951. (Td.)

Longest Run with Fumble—

98 George Halas, Bears, vs. Thorpe's Indians, Nov. 4, 1923. (Td.)

92 Joe Carter, Phila., vs. New York Giants, Sept. 25, 1938. (Td.)

89 Don Paul, Cleveland vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 10, 1957. (Td.)

88 Bob Pylman, Phila., vs. New York Giants, Sept. 25, 1938. (Td.)

FORWARD PASSING

COMPLETIONS

Most Passes Completed—

1,709 Sammy Baugh, Washington, 1937-1952 (sixteen seasons).

Opponent	'37	'38	'39	'40	'41	'42	'43	'44	'45	'46	'47	'48	'49	'50	'51	'52	Ttl.
N.Y. Giants	22	10	6	12	20	30	*48	39	31	23	27	41	24	9	14	—	356
Philadelphia	16	21	14	23	25	23	—	14	23	8	33	22	7	7	15	—	251
Pittsburgh	10	8	†0	16	13	21	—	—	26	19	23	24	16	19	12	3	210
Brooklyn	13	13	3	34	13	20	29	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	143
Cardinals	11	—	13	12	—	14	7	—	19	—	25	—	16	—	10	15	142
Boston Yanks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	19	10	45	33	—	—	—	—	114
Bears	—	6	—	11	18	—	4	—	10	15	17	16	9	—	5	—	111
Green Bay	6	—	9	—	12	—	16	—	—	5	19	5	11	16	—	2	101
Detroit	—	5	8	3	—	14	18	—	—	7	21	23	—	—	0	—	99
Los Angeles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	29	—	7	—	57
N.Y. Bulldogs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	—	—	—	33
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	—	—	32
‡Phil-Pitt	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27
Cleveland Rams	3	—	—	—	5	10	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
Cleveland Browns	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	4	—	11
¶Card-Pitt	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Total	81	65	53	111	106	132	149	82	128	97	210	185	145	90	67	20	1709

(—)—Not scheduled against Washington.
*—Includes divisional playoff. (Completed 16.)
†—Baugh did not appear in Pittsburgh games.
‡—Merger of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.
¶—Merger of Chicago Cardinals and Pittsburgh.
Note—Baugh completed 42 in 5 championship games.

1,233 Bobby Layne, Chicago Bears, 1948, New York Bulldogs, 1949; Detroit, 1950-1957 (ten seasons), plus 46 in one playoff and three championship games.

1,107 Charles Conerly, New York Giants, 1948-1957 (ten seasons) plus 7 in one championship game.

Most Passes Completed (one season)—

210 Sammy Baugh, Washington, 1947. (Attempted 354.)

185 Sammy Baugh, Washington, 1948. (Attempted 315.)

181 Otto Graham, Cleveland Browns, 1952. (Attempted 364.)

180 Tobin Rote, Green Bay, 1954. (Attempted 382.)

176 Sid Luckman, Chicago Bears, 1947. (Attempted 323.)

176 Y. A. Tittle, San Francisco, 1957. (Attempted 279.)

Most Passes Completed (one game)—

36 Charles Conerly, New York Giants, vs. Pittsburgh, Dec. 5, 1948.

33 Davey O'Brien, Philadelphia, vs. Washington, Dec. 1, 1940.

29 John Lujack, Chi. Bears, vs. New York Giants, Oct. 23, 1949.
Sammy Baugh, Washington, vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 11, 1949.
George Blanda, Chicago Bears, vs. San Francisco, Nov. 1, 1953.
Y. A. Tittle, San Francisco, vs. Baltimore, Nov. 1, 1953.

ATTEMPTS

Most Passes Attempted (one season)—

382 Tobin Rote, Green Bay, 1954. (Completed 180.)

364 Otto Graham, Cleveland Browns, 1952. (Completed 181.)

362 George Blanda, Chicago Bears, 1953. (Completed 169.)

354 Sammy Baugh, Washington, 1947. (Completed 210.)

344 James Finks, Pittsburgh, 1955. (Completed 165.)

336 Bobby Layne, Detroit, 1950. (Completed 152.)
James Finks, Pittsburgh, 1952. (Completed 158.)

332 Bobby Layne, Detroit, 1951. (Completed 152.)

323 Sid Luckman, Chicago Bears, 1947. (Completed 176.)

Most Passes Attempted (one game)—

60 Davey O'Brien, Philadelphia, vs. Washington, Dec. 1, 1940. (Completed 33, none intercepted.)

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Passes Had Intercepted—

205 Sammy Baugh, Washington, 1937-1952 (sixteen seasons). (3,016 attempts.)

160 Bobby Layne, Bears 1948, New York Bulldogs 1949, Detroit 1950-1957 (ten seasons) plus 12 in 1 playoff, 7 championship games.

Fewest Passes Had Intercepted (600 or more attempts)—
42 Ed Danowski, N.Y. Giants, 1934-1939, 1941 (seven seasons).

Fewest Passes Had Intercepted (100 or more attempts) (one season)—
3 Dwight Sloan, Detroit, 1939. (102 attempts.)
4 Sammy Baugh, Washington, 1945. (182 attempts.)
Paul Christman, Chicago Cards, 1948. (114 attempts.)
4 Harry Gilmer, Detroit, 1955. (122 attempts.)

Most Passes Had Intercepted (one game)—
8 James Hardy, Chicago Cards, vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 24, 1950. (39 attempts.)

Most Passes Had Intercepted (one season)—
31 Sid Luckman, Chicago Bears, 1947. (323 attempts.)

Most Passes Intercepted (one season)—
14 Richard Lane, Los Angeles, 1952. (298 yards, two touchdowns.)

Most Passes Intercepted—
73 Emlen Tunnell, New York Giants, 1948-1957 (ten seasons).

Most Yards Returned with Intercepted Passes (one season)—
301 Don Doll, Detroit, 1949. (11 interceptions, 1 touchdown.)

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Most Touchdown Passes—
187 Sammy Baugh, Washington, 1937-1952 (sixteen seasons).
139 Sid Luckman, Chicago Bears, 1939-1950 (twelve seasons), plus 6 touchdown passes in one playoff and five championship games.
129 Bobby Layne, Chicago Bears, 1948; New York Bulldogs, 1949; Detroit, 1950-1957 (ten seasons), plus one touchdown pass in one playoff and three championship games.
134 Charles Conerly, New York Giants, 1948-1957 (ten seasons).

Most Touchdown Passes (one season)—
28 Sid Luckman, Chicago Bears, 1943 (10 games).
26 Bobby Layne, Detroit, 1951 (12 games).
25 Sammy Baugh, Washington, 1947 (12 games).
Tommy Thompson, Philadelphia, 1948 (12 games).

Most Touchdown Passes (one game)—
7 Sid Luckman, Chicago Bears, vs. N. Y. Giants, Nov. 14, 1943.
Adrian Burk, Philadelphia, vs. Washington, Oct. 17, 1954.
6 Sammy Baugh, Washington, vs. Brooklyn, Oct. 31, 1943.
Sammy Baugh, Washington, vs. Chicago Cards, Nov. 23, 1947.
John Lujack, Chicago Bears, vs. Chicago Cards, Dec. 11, 1949.
James Hardy, Chicago Cards, vs. Baltimore, Oct. 2, 1950.

Most Consecutive Games Throwing Touchdown Passes—
23 Cecil Isbell, Green Bay. (*12 in 1941, 11 in 1942.)
19 Sid Luckman, Chicago Bears. (3 in 1942, 10 in 1943, 6 in 1944.)
15 John Unitas, Baltimore (3 in 1956, 12 in 1957.)
10 Sammy Baugh, Washington. (2 in 1942, 8 in 1943.)
Sammy Baugh. Washington. (10 in 1947.)
Charles Conerly, New York Giants. (9 in 1948, 1 in 1949.)
George Ratterman, New York Yanks. (10 in 1950.)
Bobby Layne, Detroit. (10 in 1951.)

*—Includes divisional playoff.

PASS RECEIVING

Most Passes Caught—
489 Don Hutson, Green Bay, 1935-1945 (eleven seasons).

YEAR	GAMES	RECEIVED	YARDS GAIN	LONG RUN	TD's
1935	10	18	420	83	7
1936	12	34	536	*87	9
1937	11	*41	552	78	7
1938	10	32	548	54	9
1939	11	34	*846	92	6
1940	11	45	664	36	7
1941	11	†58	738	45	*10
Div. Playoff	1	1	19	19	0
1942	11	74	*1211	73	*17
1943	10	47	776	79	11
1944	10	58	866	55	9
1945	10	47	834	75	9
Totals	118	‡489	‡8010	92	‡101

*—Set league record. †—Tied new league record ‡—League record.

400 Thomas Fears, Los Angeles, 1948-1956 (nine seasons).
373 Pete Pihos, Philadelphia, 1947-1955 (nine seasons).

Most Passes Caught (one season)—
84 Thomas Fears, Los Angeles, 1950.
77 Thomas Fears, Los Angeles, 1949.
74 Don Hutson, Green Bay, 1942.
66 Elroy Hirsch, Los Angeles, 1951.
65 Robert Mann, Detroit, 1949.

Most Passes Caught (one game)—
18 Thomas Fears, Los Angeles, vs. Green Bay, Dec. 3, 1950. (189 yards.)
14 Don Looney, Philadelphia, vs. Washington, Dec. 1. 1940. (180 yards.)
Don Hutson, Green Bay, vs. New York Giants, Nov. 22, 1942. (134 yards.)
James Keane, Chicago Bears, vs. New York Giants, Oct. 23, 1949. (193 yards.)
Ralph Heywood, New York Bulldogs, vs. Detroit, Dec. 4, 1949. (151 yards.)
13 Don Hutson, Green Bay, vs. Cleveland Rams, Oct. 18, 1942. (209 yards.)
12 James Benton, Los Angeles, vs. New York Giants, Dec. 1, 1946. (202 yards.)
Cloyce Box, Detroit, vs. Baltimore, Dec. 3, 1950. (302 yards.)
12 Ray Berry, Baltimore Colts vs. Washington Redskins, Nov. 10, 1957 (224 yards.)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdown Passes Received—
101 Don Hutson, Green Bay, 1935-1945 (eleven seasons).

Most Touchdown Passes Received (one season)—
17 Don Hutson, Green Bay, 1942.
Elroy Hirsch, Los Angeles, 1951.
15 Cloyce Box, Detroit, 1952.

Most Touchdown Passes Received (one game)—
5 Bob Shaw, Chicago Cardinals, vs. Baltimore, Oct. 2, 1950.
4 Joe Carter, Philadelphia, vs. Cincinnati, Nov. 6, 1934.
Don Hutson, Green Bay, vs. Detroit, Oct. 7, 1945.
Bob Shaw, Los Angeles, vs. Washington, Dec. 11, 1949.
Cloyce Box, Detroit, vs. Baltimore, Dec. 3, 1950.
Elroy Hirsch, Los Angeles, vs. New York Yanks, Sept. 28, 1951.
Harlon Hill, Chicago Bears, vs. San Francisco, Oct. 31, 1954.
3 Accomplished by 37 plays. Best performance by Don Hutson, Green Bay (seven times).

GAINS

Most Yards Gained Catching Passes—
8,010 Don Hutson, Green Bay, 1935-1945 (eleven seasons).

Most Yards Gained Catching Passes (one season)—
1,495 Elroy Hirsch, Los Angeles, 1951.
1,231 Bill Howton, Green Bay, 1952.
1,212 Robert Boyd, Los Angeles, 1954.

Most Yards Gained Catching Passes (one game)—
303 Jim Benton, Cleveland Rams, vs. Detroit, Nov. 22, 1945. (10.)
302 Cloyce Box, Detroit, vs. Baltimore, Dec. 3, 1950. (12.)
257 Billy Howton, Green Bay, vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 21, 1956.

Longest Completed Pass—
99 Andy Farkas, Washington, from Frank Filchock, vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 15, 1939. (Includes pass and run.) (Touchdown.)
98 Gaynell Tinsley, Chicago Cardinals, from Dougal Russell, vs. Cleveland Rams, Nov. 27, 1938. (Includes pass and run.) (Td.)
97 Gaynell Tinsley, Chicago Cardinals, from Pat Coffee, vs. Chicago Bears, Dec. 5, 1937. (Includes pass and run.) (Td.)
Cloyce Box, Detroit, from Bobby Layne, vs. Green Bay, Nov. 26, 1953. (Includes pass and run.) (Td.)

Shortest Completed Pass (for touchdown)—
4 inches Don Hutson, Green Bay, from Cecil Isbell, vs. Cleveland Rams, Oct. 18, 1942. (Touchdown.)

SCORING

POINTS

Total Points—
825 (105 touchdowns, 174 extra points, 7 field goals), Don Hutson, Green Bay, 1935-1945 (eleven seasons).
634 (1 touchdown, 274 extra points, 118 field goals), Lou Groza Cleveland, 1950-1956 (seven seasons).
573 (13 touchdowns, 315 extra points, 60 field goals), Bob Waterfield, Cleveland Rams, 1945; Los Angeles, 1946-1952 (eight seasons).
534 (34 touchdowns, 183 extra points, 49 field goals), Doak Walker, Detroit, 1950-1955 (six seasons).
531 (38 touchdowns, 198 extra points, 35 field goals), Pat Harder, Chicago Cards, 1946-1950; Detroit, 1951-1952 (seven seasons).

Most Points (one season)—
138 (17 touchdowns, 33 extra points, 1 field goal), Don Hutson, Green Bay, 1942.
128 (11 touchdowns, 38 extra points, 8 field goals), Doak Walker, Detroit, 1950.
117 (12 touchdowns, 36 extra points, 3 field goals), Don Hutson, Green Bay, 1943.
114 (6 touchdowns, 48 extra points, 10 field goals), Gordon Soltau, San Francisco, 1953.
(11 touchdowns, 36 extra points, 4 field goals), Robert Walston, Philadelphia, 1954.
110 (18 touchdowns, 2 extra points), Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia, 1945.
(6 touchdowns, 53 extra points, 7 field goals), Pat Harder, Chicago Cardinals, 1948.

Most Points (one game)—
40 (6 touchdowns, 4 extra points), Ernie Nevers, Chicago Cardinals, vs. Chicago Bears, Nov. 28, 1929.

36 (6 touchdowns), Bill Jones, Cleveland Browns, vs. Chicago Bears, Nov. 25, 1951
31 (4 touchdowns, 7 extra points), Don Hutson, Green Bay, vs. Detroit, Oct. 7, 1945.
30 (5 touchdowns), Bob Shaw, Chicago Cardinals, vs. Baltimore, Oct. 2, 1950.
27 (4 touchdowns, 3 extra points), Paddy Driscoll, Chicago Cardinals, vs. Rochester (N.Y.), Oct. 7, 1923

Most Points (one quarter)—
29 Don Hutson, Green Bay, vs. Detroit, Oct. 7, 1945.

Most Consecutive Games Scoring One or More Points—
69 Lou Groza, Cleveland. (9 in 1950, 12 in 1951, 12 in 1952, 12 in 1953, 12 in 1954, 12 in 1955.) (Plus 1 in playoff, 6 in championship games.)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns—
105 Don Hutson, Green Bay, 1935-1945 (eleven seasons).
77 Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia, 1944-1951 (eight seosons).
63 Pete Pihos, Philadelphia, 1947-1955 (nine seasons).
58 Hugh Taylor, Washington, 1947-1954 (eight seasons).
52 Ken Kavanaugh, Chicago Bears, 1940, 1941, 1945-1950 (eight seasons).
50 Vern Lewellen, Gren Bay, 1924-1932 (nine seasons).
49 Elroy Hirsch, Los Angeles, 1949-1956 (eight seasons).
48 Jim Benton, Cleveland Rams, 1938-1940, 1942, 1944, 1945, Chicago Bears, 1943, Los Angeles, 1946, 1947 (nine seasons, missed 1941).
44 Bill Dudley, Pittsburgh, 1942, 1945, 1946, Detroit, 1947-1949, Washington, 1950, 1951, 1953 (nine seasons).
42 John "Blood" McNally, Milwaukee, 1925, Duluth, 1926-1927, Pottsville, 1928, Green Bay, 1929-1936, Pittsburgh, 1937-1939 (fifteen seasons).
Clarke Hinkle, Green Bay, 1932-1941 (ten seasons).

Most Touchdowns (one season)—
18 (10 games) Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia, 1945.
17 (11 games) Don Hutson, Green Bay, 1942.
(12 games) Gene Roberts, New York Giants, 1949.
(12 games) Elroy Hirsch, Los Angeles, 1951.

Most Touchdowns (one game)—
6 Ernie Nevers, Chicago Cards, vs. Chicago Bears, Nov. 28, 1929.
Bill Jones, Cleveland Browns, vs. Chi. Bears, Nov. 25, 1951.
5 Robert Shaw, Chicago Cards, vs. Baltimore, Oct. 2, 1950.
4 Paddy Driscoll, Cards, vs. Rochester (N.Y.), Oct. 7, 1923.
Joe Carter, Philadelphia, vs. Cincinnati, Nov. 6, 1934.
Don Hutson, Green Bay, vs. Detroit, Oct. 7, 1945.
Robert Shaw, Los Angeles, vs. Washington, Dec. 11, 1949.
Cloyce Box, Detroit, vs. Baltimore, Dec. 3, 1950.
Elroy Hirsch, Los Angeles, vs. New York Yanks, Sept. 28, 1951.
Ray Mathews, Pittsburgh, vs. Cleveland Browns, Oct. 17, 1954.
Rick Casares, Bears, vs. San Francisco, Oct. 28, 1956.
William Galimore, Chicago Bears vs. Los Angeles Rams, Oct. 20, 1957.
Harlon Hill, Chicago Bears vs. San Francisco '49ers, Oct. 31, 1954.

FIELD GOALS

Most Field Goals—
115 (Place kicks) Lou Groza, Cleveland Browns, 1950-1957 (eight seasons).
63 (Place kicks) George Blanda, Bears, 1949-1956 (eight seasons).

Most Field Goals (one season)—
23 (Place kicks) Lou Groza, Cleveland Browns, 1953.
19 (Place kicks) Lou Groza, Cleveland Browns, 1952.

Most Field Goals (one game)—
5 (Place kicks) Bob Waterfield, Los Angeles, vs. Detroit, Dec. 9, 1951. (17, 40, 25, 20 and 39 yards.)
4 (Drop kicks) Paddy Driscoll, Chicago Cards, vs. Columbus, Oct. 11, 1925. (23, 18, 50 and 35 yards.)
Elbert Bloodgood, Kansas City, vs. Duluth, Dec. 12, 1926. (35, 32, 20 and 25 yards.)
4 (Place kicks) Robert Walston, Philadelphia, vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 12, 1952. (25, 24, 24 and 19 yards.)
Lou Groza, Cleveland Browns, vs. Washington, Oct. 26, 1952. (24, 29, 26 and 35 yards.)
Gordon Soltau, San Francisco, vs. Washington, Oct. 7, 1956. (37, 39, 15 and 25 yards.)
Sam Baker, Washington vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 24, 1957 (18, 10, 9, 26).
3 (Drop kicks) (twice) Paddy Driscoll, Cardinals, vs. Bears Dec. 10, 1922, 30, 23 and 12 yards) vs. Minneapolis, Oct. 21, 1923. (35, 43 and 25 yards.)
3 (Place kicks) (eleven times) Lou Groza, Cleveland Browns, vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 28, 1952. (27, 49, and 14 yards.) vs. New York Giants, Oct. 12, 1952. (30, 52 and 21 yards.) vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 10, 1953. (20, 16 and 27 yards.) vs. Washington, Oct. 18, 1953. (9, 29 and 23 yards.) vs. San Francisco, Nov. 15, 1953. (26, 11 and 28 yards.) vs. New York, Nov. 28, 1954. (38, 18 and 10 yards.) vs. Pittsburgh, Dec. 4, 1955 (17, 21 and 42 yards.) vs. Washington, Oct. 25, 1956 (30, 47, 12.) vs. Baltimore (42, 31, 15.)

Longest Field Goal—
Place kicks 56 yards, Albert Rechichar, Baltimore, vs. Chicago Bears, Sept. 27, 1953.
54 yards, Glenn Presnell, Detroit, vs. Green Bay, Oct. 7, 1934 (won game, 3 to 0).
52 yards, Lee Artoe, Chicago Bears, vs. New York Giants, Oct. 27, 1940.
52 yards, Ted Fritsch, Green Bay, vs. New York Yanks, Oct. 19, 1950.
52 yards, Lou Groza, Cleveland Browns, vs. New York Giants, Oct. 12, 1952.
52 yards, Albert Rechichar, Baltimore, vs. Washington, Oct. 25, 1953 and vs. San Francisco, Nov. 27, 1955.
Drop kicks 50 yards (twice), Paddy Driscoll, Cards, vs. Milwaukee, Sept. 28, 1924; vs. Columbus, Oct. 11, 1925.
50 yards, Wilber "Pete" Henry, Canton, vs. Toledo, Nov. 13, 1922.

EXTRA POINTS

Most Points After Touchdowns—
315 Bob Waterfield, Cleveland Rams, 1945, Los Angeles, 1946-1952 (eight seasons).
224 Lou Groza, Cleveland Browns, 1950-1955 (six seasons).
198 Pat Harder, Chicago Cards (164), 1946-1950, Detroit (34), 1950-1952 (seven seasons).

Most Points After Touchdowns (one season)—
54 Bob Waterfield, Los Angeles, 1950. (Missed four.)
53 Pat Harder, Chicago Cards, 1948. (Missed none.)

Most Points After Touchdowns (one game)—
9 Pat Harder, Chicago Cards, vs. New York Giants, Oct. 17, 1948.
Bob Waterfield, Los Angeles, vs. Baltimore, Oct. 22, 1950.
8 Bob Snyder, Chicago Bears, vs. New York Giants, Nov. 14, 1943.
Richard Poillon, Washington, vs. Boston Yanks, Oct. 31, 1948.
Pat Harder, Chicago Cards, vs. N.Y. Bulldogs, Nov. 13, 1949.
Robert Walston, Philadelphia, vs. Chicago Cards, Oct. 25, 1953.

Most Consecutive Points After Touchdown—
156 George Blanda, Chicago Bears (8 games in 1951, 11 in 1952, 12 in 1953, 7 in 1954, 11 in 1955, 4 in 1956).

PUNTING

Most Punts (one season)—
92 Howard Maley, Boston Yanks, 1947.
83 Adrian Burk, Philadelphia, 1952.

Most Punts (one game)—
14 Sammy Baugh, Washington, vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 5, 1939.
John Kinscherf, New York Giants, vs. Detroit, Nov. 7, 1943.
Geo. Taliaferro, N.Y. Yanks, vs. L.A. Rams, Sept. 28, 1951.

Longest Punt—
94 yards Wilbur "Pete" Henry, Canton, vs. Akron, Oct. 28, 1923.
88 yards Bob Waterfield, Los Angeles, vs. Green Bay, Oct. 17, 1948.

Best Punting Average (one season)—
48.7 yards Sammy Baugh, Washington, 1942 (30 punts).

PUNT RETURNS

Most Punt Returns (one season)—
38 Emlen Tunnell, New York Giants, 1953. (Ret. 223 yards.)
35 Woodley Lewis, Los Angeles, 1953. (Ret. 267 yards.)

Most Punt Returns (one game)—
7 Bosh Pritchard, Philadelphia, vs. Green Bay, Nov. 29, 1942. (Ret. 81 yards.)

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns and Yards Returned (one season)—
34 Woodley Lewis, Los Angeles, 1954. (836 yards, average 24.6.)
32 Woodley Lewis, Los Angeles, 1953. (830 yards, average 25.9.)

Kickoff Returns and Most Yards Returned (one game)—
4 Wally Triplett, Detroit, vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 29, 1950. (294 yards, average 73.6.)

ALL-TIME TEAM RECORDS

GROUND GAINING

SEASON

Most Yards Gained (one season)—

5,506	Los Angeles, 1951.	5,187	Los Angeles, 1954.
5,420	Los Angeles, 1950.	5,053	Chicago Bears, 1947.

Most Yards Gained Rushing (one season)—

2,885	Detroit, 1936.	2,607	Philadelphia, 1949.
2,763	Detroit, 1934.	2,560	Chicago Cardinals, 1948.

Most Yards Gained Passing (one season)—

3,709	Los Angeles, 1950.	3,296	Los Angeles, 1951.
3,336	Washington, 1947.	3,104	Chicago Bears, 1954.

Fewest Yards Gained (one season)—

1,481 Brooklyn, 1934. 1,719 Pittsburgh, 1945.
1,506 Boston, 1944. 1,843 Detroit, 1941.

Fewest Yards Gained Rushing (one season)—

298 Philadelphia, 1940. 472 Detroit, 1946.
471 Boston Yanks, 1944. 610 Brooklyn, 1943.

Fewest Yards Gained Passing (one season)—

577 Brookyln, 1934. 654 Pittsburgh, 1941.
652 Pittsburgh, 1945. 686 Pittsburgh, 1942.

GAME

Most Yards Gained (one game)—

735 Los Angeles, vs. New York Yanks, Sept. 28, 1951. (181 rushing, 554 passing.)
682 Chicago Bears, vs. New York Giants, Nov. 14, 1943. (194 rushing, 488 passing.)

Most Yards Gained Rushing (one game)—

426 Detroit, vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 4, 1934.
423 New York Giants, vs. Baltimore, Nov. 19, 1950.

Most Yards Gained Rushing and Passing (one game, both teams)—

1,133 Los Angeles (266 rushing, 370 passing), vs. New York Yanks (185 rushing, 312 passing), Nov. 19, 1950.

Most Yards Gained Passing (one game)—

554 Los Angeles, vs. New York Yanks, Sept. 28, 1951. (27 completions, five touchdowns.)
501 Washington, vs. Boston Yanks, Oct. 31, 1948. (22 completions, four touchdowns.)

Most Yards Gained Passing (one game, both teams)—

748 Chicago Bears (468), Chicago Cardinals (280), Dec. 11, 1949.

Fewest Yards Gained (one game)—

14 Chicago Cardinals, vs. Detroit, Sept. 15, 1940.

Fewest Yards Gained Rushing (one game)—

Minus 53 Detroit, vs. Chicago Cardinals, Oct. 17, 1943.
Minus 36 Philadelphia, vs. Chicago Bears, Nov. 19, 1939.
Minus 33 Brooklyn, vs. Phil-Pitt, Oct. 2, 1943.

Fewest Yards Gained Passing (one game)—

Minus 3 New York Giants, vs. Washington, Oct. 1, 1939. (Six passes attempted, one completed.)
Minus 3 Washington, vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 27, 1955. (Nine passes attempted, one completed.)
Minus 1 Pittsburgh, vs. Chicago Bears, Nov. 25, 1945. (Twenty passes attempted, two completed.)
0 Detroit, vs. Cleveland, Sept. 10, 1947. (No passes attempted.)
Chicago Cardinals, vs. Detroit, Sept. 15, 1940. (Two passes attempted, none completed.)
Pittsburgh, vs. Brooklyn, Nov. 16, 1941. (No passes attempted.)
Pittsburgh, vs. Brooklyn, Oct. 11, 1942. (Seven passes attempted, none completed.)
Pittsburgh, vs. Chicago Cardinals, Nov. 11, 1945. (Eight passes attempted, none completed.)
Green Bay, vs. Chicago Bears, Sept. 25, 1949. (Thirteen passes attempted, none completed.)
Cleveland Browns, vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 3, 1950. (No passes attempted.)

FIRST DOWNS

SEASON

Most First Downs (including touchdowns from scrimmage) (one season)—

278 Los Angeles, 1950. (84 rushing, 111 passing, 24 penalties, 59 touchdowns from scrimmage.)
272 Los Angeles, 1951. (92 rushing, 102 passing, 28 penalties, 50 touchdowns from scrimmage.)

Fewest First Downs (one season)—

68 Philadelphia, 1937.
75 Pittsburgh, 1941.

FORWARD PASSING

SEASON

Most Passes Completed (one season)—

253 Los Angeles, 1950. (Attempted 453.)
231 Washington, 1947. (Attempted 416.)
Green Bay, 1951. (Attempted 478.)
224 Philadelphia, 1953. (Attempted 438.)
215 Detroit, 1954. (Attempted 395.)
208 Chicago Bears, 1954. (Attempted 429.)

Fewest Passes Completed (one season)—

34 Chicago Cardinals, 1934. (Attempted 140.)
Detroit, 1934. (Attempted 144.)
39 Boston Redskins, 1934. (Attempted 138.)
Philadelphia, 1936. (Attempted 170.)

Most Passes Attempted (one season)—

478 Green Bay, 1951. (Completed 231.)
453 Los Angeles, 1950. (Completed 253.)

Fewest Passes Attempted (one season)—

120 Detroit, 1937. (Completed 44.)
125 New York Giants, 1944. (Completed 47.)
126 Chicago Cardinals, 1935. (Completed 47.)

Best Passing Efficiency (one season)—

Less than 250—64% (146 completions in 228 attempts), Washington, 1945.
59% (144 completions in 244 attempts), Washington, 1940.
More than 250—63% (191 completions in 303 attempts). Cleveland, 1953.
62% (191 completions in 305 attempts), San Francisco, 1957.

Most Passes Had Intercepted (one season)—

41 Card-Pitt, 1944.
39 Chicago Cardinals, 1943.

Fewest Passes Had Intercepted (one season)—

9 Brooklyn, 1936. (Attempted 141.)
New York Giants, 1943. (Attempted 149.)
Cleveland, 1953. (Attempted 303.)

Most Touchdown Passes (one season)—

33 Philadelphia, 1954.
31 Los Angeles, 1950.
29 Chicago Bears, 1947.
New York Yanks, 1950.
Detroit, 1951.

Fewest Touchdown Passes (one season)—

0 Pittsburgh, 1945.
1 Detroit, 1942.

GAME

Most Passes Completed (one game)—

36 New York Giants, vs. Pittsburgh, Dec. 5, 1948. (Attempted 53.)

Most Passes Completed (one game, both teams)—

55 Chicago Bears (30), vs. San Francisco (25), Nov. 1, 1953.

Most Passes Attempted (one game)—

60 Philadelphia, vs. Washington, Dec. 1, 1940. (Completed 33.)

Fewest Passes Attempted (one game)—

0 Detroit, vs. Cleveland Rams, Sept. 10, 1937.
Pittsburgh, vs. Brooklyn, Nov. 16, 1941.
Pittsburgh, vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 13, 1949.
Cleveland Browns, vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 3, 1950.

Most Passes Attempted (one game, both teams)—

94 Chicago Bears (50), San Francisco (44). (55 completed for 522 yards. San Francisco 278, Chicago Bears 244), Nov. 1, 1953.
91 Pittsburgh (48), Los Angeles (43). (47 completed for 602 yards, Los Angeles 358, Pittsburgh 244), Dec. 14, 1952.

Most Passes Had Intercepted (one game, one team)—

9 Detroit, vs. Green Bay, Oct. 24, 1943.

Most Passes Had Intercepted (one game, both teams)—

11 Philadelphia (7) vs. Boston Redskins (4), Nov. 3, 1935.
Boston Redskins (6) vs. Pittsburgh (5), Dec. 1, 1935.
Cleveland Rams (7) vs. Green Bay (4), Oct. 30, 1938.
Green Bay (7) vs. Detroit (4), Oct. 20, 1940.
Detroit (7) vs. Chicago Bears (4), Nov. 22, 1942.
Cleveland Rams (7) vs. Detroit (4), Nov. 26, 1944.
Chicago Cardinals (8) vs. Philadelphia (3), Sept. 24, 1950.

Most Touchdown Passes (one game, one team)—

7 Chicago Bears, vs. New York Giants, Nov. 14, 1943.
Philadelphia, vs. Washington, Oct. 17, 1954.
6 Chicago Bears, vs. Chicago Cardinals, Dec. 5, 1937; Green Bay, vs. Chicago Cardinals, Nov. 1, 1942; Washington, vs. Brooklyn, Oct. 31, 1943; Green Bay, vs. Detroit, Oct. 7, 1945; Washington, vs. Chicago Cardinals, Nov. 23, 1947; Chicago Cardinals, vs. New York Bulldogs, Nov. 13, 1949; Los Angeles, vs. New York Bulldogs, Nov. 27, 1949; Los Angeles, vs. Washington, Dec. 11, 1949; Chicago Bears, vs. Chicago Cardinals, Dec. 11, 1959; Chicago Cardinals, vs. Baltimore, Oct. 2, 1950; and Los Angeles, vs. Detroit, Oct. 29, 1950.

Most Touchdown Passes (one game, both teams)—

10 Chicago Bears (6) vs. Chicago Cardinals (4), Dec. 5, 1937.
9 Chicago Cards (5) vs. New York Giants (4), Oct. 17, 1948.
Los Angeles (6) vs. Washington (3), Dec. 11, 1949.
Chicago Bears (6) vs. Chicago Cardinals (3), Dec. 11, 1949.
Philadelphia (7) vs. Washington (2), Oct. 17, 1954.

SCORING

SEASON

Most Points (one season)—

466 (12 games) Los Angeles, 1950.
396 (11 games) Chicago Bears, 1941.
395 (12 games) Chicago Cards, 1948.
392 (12 games) Los Angeles, 1951.

Fewest Points (one season)—

10 (8 games) Cincinnati, 1934.
27 (3 games) St. Louis, 1934.

Most Points After Touchdowns (one season)—
59 Los Angeles, 1950.
53 Chicago Cardinals, 1948.
51 Chicago Bears, 1948.
50 Philadelphia, 1948.

Most Touchdowns (one season)—
64 (12 games) Los Angeles, 1950.
56 (11 games) Chicago Bears, 1941.
53 (11 games) Chicago Bears, 1942.
(12 games) Chicago Bears, 1947.
(12 games) Chicago Cards, 1948.
(12 games) Chicago Bears, 1948.

Most Touchdowns Rushing (one season)—
37 (11 games) Chicago Bears, 1941.
33 (12 games) Los Angeles, 1950.
32 (11 games) Chicago Bears, 1942.

Most Touchdowns Passing (one season)—
33 (12 games) Philadelphia, 1954.
31 (12 games) Los Angeles, 1950.
29 (12 games) Chicago Bears, 1947.
(12 games) New York Yanks, 1950.
(12 games) Detroit, 1951.

Most Field Goals (one season, one team)—
23 (12 games) Cleveland Browns, 1953.
19 (12 games) Cleveland Browns, 1952.
16 (12 games) Cleveland Browns, 1954.
(12 games) Green Bay, 1955.
15 (12 games) Cleveland Browns, 1957.
14 (11 games) New York Giants, 1939.
(12 games) Cleveland Browns, 1950.
(12 games) Detroit, 1952.
(12 games) Los Angeles, 1955.
14 (12 games) Washington, 1957.
14 (12 games) Chicago Bears, 1957.

Most Field Goals League (one season)—
119 (Twelve teams), 1954.
115 (Twelve games), 1955.

PUNTING

SEASON

Most Punts (one season)—
113 Boston Redskins, 1934.
Brooklyn, 1934.
112 Boston Redskins, 1935.

Fewest Punts (one season)—
32 Chicago Bears, 1941.
33 Washington, 1945.

GAME

Most Punts (one game, one team)—
17 Chicago Bears, vs. Green Bay, Oct. 22, 1933.
16 Chicago Cardinals, vs. Chicago Bears, Nov. 30, 1933.
Chicago Cardinals, vs. Detroit, Sept. 15, 1940.

Most Punts (one game, both teams)—
31 Chicago Bears (17) vs. Green Bay (14), Oct. 22, 1933.
29 Chicago Cardinals (15) vs. Cincinnati (14), Nov. 12, 1933.
Chicago Cardinals (16) vs. Chicago Bears (13), Nov. 30, 1933.

Fewest Punts (one game)—
0 New York Giants, vs. Chicago Bears, Nov. 4, 1934.
Philadelphia, vs. Washington, Nov. 13, 1949.

PENALTIES

SEASON

Most Penalties (one season)—
122 Washington, 1948. (1,100 yards.)
Chicago Bears, 1948. (1,066 yards.)
121 Chicago Bears, 1944. (1,025 yards.)
118 Chicago Bears, 1951. (1,107 yards.)

Fewest Penalties (one season)—
19 Detroit, 1937. (139 yards.)
21 Boston Redskins, 1935. (166 yards.)

Most Yards Penalized (one season)—
1,107 Chicago Bears, 1951. (118 penalties.)
1,100 Washington, 1948. (122 penalties.)
1,066 Chicago Bears, 1948. (122 penalties.)

Fewest Yards Penalized (one season)—
139 Detroit, 1937. (19 penalties.)
146 Philadelphia, 1937. (25 penalties.)
159 Philadelphia, 1936. (24 penalties.)

DEFENSE

SEASON

Most Points Allowed (one season)—
462 (12 games) Baltimore, 1950.
432 (12 games) Washington, 1954.
427 (12 games) Dallas, 1952.
407 (12 games) Detroit, 1948.

Fewest Points Allowed (one season)—
20 (13 games) New York Giants, 1927.
59 (13 games) Detroit Lions, 1934.
75 (10 games) New York Giants, 1944.

Most Yards Allowed (one season)—
5,402 (12 games) Baltimore, 1950.
5,220 (12 games) New York Yanks, 1950.
5,173 (12 games) New York Yanks, 1951.
4,858 (12 games) Boston Yanks, 1948.

Fewest Yards Allowed (one season)—
1,578 (11 games) Chicago Cardinals, 1934.
1,703 (11 games) Chicago Bears, 1942.

Most Yards Allowed Rushing (one season)—
2,857 (12 games) Baltimore, 1950.
2,619 (12 games) Green Bay, 1956.
2,445 (12 games) New York Yanks, 1950.
2,391 (12 games) New York Yanks, 1951.

Fewest Yards Allowed Rushing (one season)—
519 (11 games) Chicago Bears, 1942.
558 (10 games) Philadelphia, 1944.
793 (10 games) Phil-Pitt, 1943.
817 (10 games) Philadelphia, 1945.

Most Yards Allowed Passing (one season)—
2,905 (12 games) Washington, 1954.
2,818 (12 games) Green Bay, 1950.
2,776 (12 games New York Yanks, 1951.
2,775 (12 games) New York Yanks, 1950.
2,649 (12 games) San Francisco, 1954.

Fewest Yards Allowed Passing (one season)—
625 (11 games) Chicago Cardinals, 1934.
928 (12 games) Boston Redskins, 1934.
939 (11 games) Pittsburgh, 1946.
980 (10 games) Chicago Bears, 1943.

CONSECUTIVE PERFORMANCES

Most Consecutive Victories—
18 Chicago Bears (twice), 1933-1934 and 1941-1942.
13 Cleveland, 1951-1952.

Most Consecutive Games Won By Shutouts—
7 Detroit, 1934.

Most Consecutive Games Without Defeat—
24 Canton, 1922, 1923. (Won, 21; tied, 3.)
23 Green Bay, 1928, 1929, 1930. (Won, 21; tied, 2.)

INTERCEPTIONS

SEASON

Best Percentage of Interceptions By (one season)—
17.3 Green Bay, 1943. (Opponents attempted 242.)
16.3 Detroit, 1940. (Opponents attempted 177.)

Most Passes Intercepted By (one season)—
42 Green Bay, 1943. (Opponents attempted 242.)
41 New York Giants, 1951. (Opponents attempted 377.)

Fewest Passes Intercepted By (one season)—
8 Pittsburgh, 1940. (Opponents attempted 192.)
10 Brooklyn, 1944. (Opponents attempted 181.)
Pittsburgh, 1955 (Opponents attempted 242.)

Most Interceptions Returned for Touchdowns (one season)—
5 Green Bay, 1945. (Intercepted 24.)
4 New York Giants, 1944. (Intercepted 34.)
Pittsburgh, 1947. (Intercepted 18.)
Los Angeles, 1949. (Intercepted 30.)
Baltimore, 1950. (Intercepted 34.)
Chicago Bears, 1950. (Intercepted 16.)
New York Giants, 1951. (Intercepted 41.)
Los Angeles, 1952. (Intercepted 38.)

Most Yards Interceptions Returned (one season)—
712 Los Angeles, 1952. (38 interceptions.)
663 Detroit, 1953. (38 interceptions.)

GAME

Most Passes Intercepted By (one game, one team)—
9 Green Bay, vs. Detroit, Oct. 24, 1943.
8 New York Giants, vs. Green Bay, Nov. 21, 1948.
Philadelphia, vs. Chicago Cardinals, Sept. 24, 1950.
New York Giants, vs. New York Yanks, Dec. 16, 1951.

Most Passes Intercepted By (one game, both teams)—
11 Boston Redskins (7) vs. Philadelphia (4), Nov. 3, 1935.
Pittsburgh (6) vs. Boston Redskins (5), Dec. 1, 1935.
Green Bay (7) vs. Cleveland Rams (4), Oct. 30, 1938.
Detroit (7) vs. Green Bay (4), Oct. 20, 1940.
Chicago Bears (7) vs. Detroit (4), Nov. 22, 1942.
Detroit (7) vs. Cleveland Rams (4), Nov. 26, 1944.
Philadelphia (8) vs. Chicago Cardinals (3), Sept. 24, 1950.

Most Yards Interceptions Returned (one game)—
182 Dallas, vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 2, 1952. (4 interceptions.)
161 Chicago Cardinals, vs. Pittsburgh, Sept. 26, 1955. (5 interceptions.)

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FRIDAY, AUG. 15	CHICAGO ALL-STARS vs. DETROIT	CHICAGO
SATURDAY, AUG. 16	CLEVELAND vs. PITTSBURGH	AKRON, OHIO
SATURDAY, AUG. 16	PHILADELPHIA vs. BALTIMORE	HERSHEY, PA.
SATURDAY, AUG. 16	WASHINGTON vs. LOS ANGELES	LOS ANGELES
SUNDAY, AUG. 17	SAN FRANCISCO vs. NEW YORK	SAN FRANCISCO
SUNDAY, AUG. 17	CHICAGO BEARS vs. CHICAGO CARDINALS	UNKNOWN
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20	GREEN BAY vs. PITTSBURGH	MILWAUKEE
FRIDAY, AUG. 22	DETROIT vs. CLEVELAND	DETROIT
FRIDAY, AUG. 22	LOS ANGELES vs. NEW YORK	LOS ANGELES
SATURDAY, AUG. 23	SAN FRANCISCO vs. WASHINGTON	PORTLAND, OREGON
SATURDAY, AUG. 23	BALTIMORE vs. CHICAGO CARDINALS	AUSTIN, TEXAS
SUNDAY, AUG. 24	CHICAGO BEARS vs. PHILADELPHIA	COLUMBUS, OHIO
FRIDAY, AUG. 29	BALTIMORE vs. WASHINGTON	BALTIMORE
FRIDAY, AUG. 29	DETROIT vs. NEW YORK	DETROIT
FRIDAY, AUG. 29	LOS ANGELES vs. CLEVELAND	LOS ANGELES
SATURDAY, AUG. 30	PITTSBURGH vs. CHICAGO BEARS	PITTSBURGH
SUNDAY, AUG. 31	CHICAGO CARDINALS vs. SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO
MONDAY, SEPT. 1	GREEN BAY vs. PHILADELPHIA	GREEN BAY
FRIDAY, SEPT. 5	DETROIT vs. CHICAGO BEARS	DALLAS, TEXAS
SATURDAY, SEPT. 6	WASHINGTON vs. PHILADELPHIA	JACKSONVILLE, FLA.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 6	NEW YORK vs. GREEN BAY	BOSTON, MASS.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 6	PITTSBURGH vs. BALTIMORE	BUFFALO, N.Y.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 6	LOS ANGELES vs. CHICAGO CARDINALS	SEATTLE, WASH.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 7	CLEVELAND vs. SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO
FRIDAY, SEPT. 12	CHICAGO BEARS vs. CLEVELAND	CHICAGO, ILL.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 12	LOS ANGELES vs. SAN FRANCISCO	LOS ANGELES
FRIDAY, SEPT. 12	CHICAGO CARDINALS vs. PITTSBURGH	ST. LOUIS, MO.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 13	DETROIT vs. PHILADELPHIA	NORMAN, OKLA.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 13	GREEN BAY vs. WASHINGTON	WINSTON SALEM
SUNDAY, SEPT. 14	BALTIMORE vs. NEW YORK	BALTIMORE
SATURDAY, SEPT. 20	CLEVELAND vs. DETROIT	CLEVELAND
SUNDAY, SEPT. 21	GREEN BAY vs. CHICAGO CARDINALS	MINNEAPOLIS
SUNDAY, SEPT. 21	SAN FRANCISCO vs. PHILADELPHIA	SAN FRANCISCO
SUNDAY, SEPT. 21	WASHINGTON vs. CHICAGO BEARS	WASHINGTON, D.C.
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Chicago Bears ( ) at Green Bay ( )	1:05
Cleveland ( ) at Los Angeles ( )	1:35
Detroit ( ) at Baltimore ( )	2:05
New York ( ) vs. Chicago Cards ( ) at Buffalo, N.Y.	2:05
Pittsburgh ( ) at San Francisco ( )	1:35
Washington ( ) at Philadelphia ( )	1:35

SAT. NIGHT, OCT. 4th	
Chicago Bears ( ) at Baltimore ( )	8:35
Washington ( ) at Chicago Cards ( )	8:15

SUNDAY, OCT. 5th	
Cleveland ( ) at Pittsburgh ( )	1:35
Detroit ( ) at Green Bay ( )	1:05
Los Angeles ( ) at San Francisco ( )	1:35
New York ( ) at Philadelphia ( )	1:35

SUNDAY, OCT. 12th	
Baltimore ( ) vs. Green Bay ( ) at Milwaukee	1:05
Chicago Cards ( ) at Cleveland ( )	2:05
Los Angeles ( ) at Detroit ( )	1:35
New York ( ) at Washington ( )	2:05
Philadelphia ( ) at Pittsburgh ( )	1:35
San Francisco ( ) at Chicago Bears ( )	1:05

SUNDAY, OCT. 19th	
Baltimore ( ) at Detroit ( )	1:35
Chicago Cards ( ) at New York ( )	2:05
Green Bay ( ) at Washington ( )	2:05
Los Angeles ( ) at Chicago Bears ( )	1:05
Pittsburgh ( ) at Cleveland ( )	2:05
San Francisco ( ) at Philadelphia ( )	1:35

SUNDAY, OCT. 26th	
Chicago Bears ( ) at San Francisco ( )	1:35
Cleveland ( ) at Chicago Cards ( )	1:05
Detroit ( ) at Los Angeles ( )	1:35
Philadelphia ( ) at Green Bay ( )	1:05
Pittsburgh ( ) at New York ( )	2:05
Washington ( ) at Baltimore ( )	2:05

SUNDAY, NOV. 2nd	
Chicago Bears ( ) at Los Angeles ( )	1:35
Detroit ( ) at San Francisco ( )	1:35
Green Bay ( ) at Baltimore ( )	2:05
New York ( ) at Cleveland ( )	2:05
Philadelphia ( ) at Chicago Cards ( )	1:05
Washington ( ) at Pittsburgh ( )	1:35

SUNDAY, NOV. 9th	
Baltimore ( ) at New York ( )	2:05
Chicago Cards ( ) at Washington ( )	2:05
Detroit ( ) at Cleveland ( )	2:05
Green Bay ( ) at Chicago Bears ( )	1:05
Pittsburgh ( ) at Philadelphia ( )	1:35
San Francisco ( ) at Los Angeles ( )	1:35

SUNDAY, NOV. 16th	
Baltimore ( ) at Chicago Bears ( )	1:05
Chicago Cards ( ) at Philadelphia ( )	1:35
Cleveland ( ) at Washington ( )	2:05
Los Angeles ( ) at Green Bay ( )	1:05
New York ( ) at Pittsburgh ( )	1:35
San Francisco ( ) at Detroit ( )	1:35

SUNDAY, NOV. 23rd	
Chicago Bears ( ) at Detroit ( )	1:35
Los Angeles ( ) at Baltimore ( )	2:05
Philadelphia ( ) at Cleveland ( )	2:05
Pittsburgh ( ) at Chicago Cards ( )	1:05
San Francisco ( ) vs. Green Bay ( ) at Milwaukee	1:05
Washington ( ) at New York ( )	2:05

THURS., NOV. 27th (Thanksgiving Day)	
Green Bay ( ) at Detroit ( )	12:00

SUNDAY, NOV. 30th	
Chicago Bears ( ) at Pittsburgh ( )	1:35
Los Angeles ( ) at Chicago Cards ( )	1:05
Philadelphia ( ) at New York ( )	2:05
San Francisco ( ) at Baltimore ( )	2:05
Washington ( ) at Cleveland ( )	2:05

SAT., DEC. 6th	
Baltimore ( ) at Los Angeles ( )	1:35

SUNDAY, DEC. 7th	
Chicago Cards ( ) at Chicago Bears ( )	1:05
Cleveland ( ) at Philadelphia ( )	1:35
Green Bay ( ) at San Francisco ( )	1:35
New York ( ) at Detroit ( )	1:35
Pittsburgh ( ) at Washington ( )	2:05

SAT. AFTERNOON, DEC. 13th	
Chicago Cards ( ) at Pittsburgh ( )	1:35

SUNDAY, DEC. 14th	
Baltimore ( ) at San Francisco ( )	1:35
Cleveland ( ) at New York ( )	2:05
Detroit ( ) at Chicago Bears ( )	1:05
Green Bay ( ) at Los Angeles ( )	1:35
Philadelphia ( ) at Washington ( )	2:05

SUNDAY, DEC. 28th

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